

It was amazing and such a privilege to share that moment with the Royal Family

By MATT WILKINSON, Royal Editor

Grieving . . . Edoardo, Eugenie and Beatrice at hall last night

THE Queen's four children shared their grief with her people last night as they kept vigil for her.

King Charles and his three siblings stood silently eside her coffin at Westminster Hall while mourners

Blues Uniform with the of Honorary Royal Colonel e Royal Wessex Yeomanry.



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Near miss . . Charles & Camilla. Right, skater led away by cops

By ANDY ROBINSON

THE King and Camilla looked on in shock last night as a man on skates nearly crashed into their

He whizzed into view as the royals approached Westminster Hall for the vigil.

Police bundled the

man to the ground and crowds cheered as he was hand-cuffed. The skater stuck his tongue out as he was led away.





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Solemn visit . . . Beckham, circled, in hall

TEARFUL David Beckham queued for almost 13 hours to see the Queen's coffin yesterday before declaring: "We'll never see her like again." The former Three Lions

The former Three Lions skipper got in line at 1.45am on Friday — and remained unnoticed for several hours as everyone edged toward Westminster Hall.

Once spotted, he posed for selfies and chatted to fellow mourners, and revealed he was doing it in memory of his late grandparents. When he finally

By AMIR RAZAVI and PAUL SIMS

By AMIR RAZAVI and PAUL SIMS filed past the Queen's coffin at 3.26pm he was visibly emotional, struck by the solemn atmosphere. So many people wanted to join the queue yesterday it had to be closed to new arrivals for several hours, with warnings people may have wait for over a day. It is understood Beckham was offered the chance to jump the queue with an MP but took his place with the general public in the middle of the night instead. The ex-Manchester United star, 47, said: "I thought by coming at 2am it was going to be a little bit quieter. I was wrong.

"Everyone had that in mind. Everyone wants to be here to be

part of this experience and to celebrate what Her Majesty has done for us."

Asked if Britain would ever see her like again, he gently shook his head and said: "I don't think so, no."

The dad of four, awarded an OBE by Her Majesty in 2003, added after leaving Westminster Hall: "It's very emotional, the silence, the feeling in the room is very hard to explain.

"We're all there saying thanks to Her Majesty for being kind, for being caring, for being reassuring throughout the years she's been our Queen.

"The legacy that she has left is incredible. I think for someone to have led the country the way she

led our country for the amount of years she did with the respect that she has gained around the world, not just in our own country, speaks volumes for what she's done for us.

"Everyone feels the same and that's why we all queued up today because I think it's the right thing to do. Us paying respect to our Queen."

Earlier he told how he wanted to pay tribute for his grandparents, who were staunch royalists. Smartly dressed in a black three-piece suit and flat cap, the East Londoner said: "I grew up in a household of royalists and I was brought up that way.

"If my grandparents would have been here today I know

LONE FOR 13HRS FOR



they would have wanted to be here. So I'm here on behalf of my family and also to celebrate with everybody else."

Becks, who met the Queen several times during his career, went on: "I was always very lucky. To represent my country, to be captain of my country.

"Every time that we stood there and wore those Three Lions shirts and I had my armband and we sang God Save Our Queen that was something that meant so much to us and every time that we did it, it was something special."

He remained unrecognised for several hours as he edged his way quietly along with everyone else by the Thames. Behind him

was Danielle Lewis, 49, from Dartford, Kent. She said: "We only noticed him around 12pm. He was quite solemn.
"He was stopping for pictures with people but he didn't really say anything — he seemed lost in his own thoughts. But he was lovely."

Good Morning Britain TV presenter Susanna Reid queued for more than seven hours on Thursday with her mother — and had advice for others.

She tweeted: "I have just experienced a moment in history — witnessing the Queen lying in state in Westminster Hall. At once majestic and peaceful."

She added: "If you are planning to queue here are our tips.

We joined at 1.23pm near Butlers Wharf and entered Westminster Hall at 8.43pm — 7 hours 20 mins. Wear the comfiest shoes you own. Go with someone if you can, although everyone in the queue was friendly.

"Don't carry too much in a bag — water is freely available and there are lots of cafes along the route. Also plenty of toilets."
Her ITV colleagues Holly Willoughby and Phillip Schofield from This Morning also paid their respects yesterday.

However they entered the hall as working journalists so avoided a lengthy queuing time.

Politicians seen paying their respects yesterday included New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda

Ardern, who will be attending Monday's state funeral.
Also there was war hero Johnson Beharry, who saved his comrades' lives in Iraq in 2004.
The Victoria Cross winner, at Westminster with his wife Malissa, said the Queen was a perfect role model.
He told The Sun: "We talk about commitment, loyalty, integrity. She displayed all those values and standards and anyone who doesn't look up to her doesn't understand what values really are."

Meanwhile, world heavyweight boxing champ Tyson Fury laid flowers outside Buckingham Palace yesterday with wife Paris.

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Honour . . . Troulan receives GC

MEDAL HERO'S SALU

EXCLUSIVE by JEROME STARKEY, Defence Editor

storming a terrorist siege to rescue trapped civilians at a Kenya shopping mall in 2013. He was awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal in 1993.

The Falklands and Iraq war veteran said: "People think you go to war because you are fighting for your government.

"The reality is you fight for the sovereign and the friends to your left and your right."

He added: "It will be an incredible honour to be there

in Westminster Abbey in celebration of her life."

Ex-Royal Protection Officer Jim Beaton GC, who took a bullet for Princess Anne in 1974, said: "It was a privilege to work for Her Majesty."

Beaton, 79 – shot twice in a botched kidnap bid – said the Queen had thanked him personally for saving her daughter. Australian SAS hero Mark Donaldson, 43, who won a VC in Afghanistan, said: "Lots of people talk about service in the forces. It is service above self and no one demonstrated that more than Her Majesty."

AN ex-Special Forces hero who won two of the country's top gallantry gongs has revealed he told the Queen: "We don't do it for money or medals, ma'am. We do it for you."

Former Royal Marine Dom Troulan, 59, was responding after Her Majesty told him at a reception: "I believe you are the only person to have my Queen's Gallantry Medal and my father's George Cross."

He is one of 23 living recipients of Victoria and George Crosses. Seventeen are due to attend the State Funeral. He earned his George Cross for



Standards . . . Queen inspects troops in 2014

PRINCE William told troops preparing for the Queen's funeral that she "definitely be would looking down" on them.

The new Prince and Princess of Wales yesterday met Commonwealth soldiers taking part in Monday's historic state event.

A total of 117 members of the Australian, Canadian and New Zealand Armed Forces have been rehearsing their vital roles.

And during a visit to the

By TOM WELLS, Chief Reporter

Army Training Centre at Pirbright, Surrey, William and Kate met some of those taking part.
Greg Gifford, 3l, of the New Zealand Defence Force, spoke to the prince.
He said: "One of the things he said was how the Queen will definitely be looking down on the whole funeral service.

"He said she would be interested in the detail of the soldiers, how the drill is carried out, its precision, our dress, things like that."

40, were greeted by a performance of a ceremonial Maori haka dance by 25 members of the NZDF.

William, with his military service medals pinned to his dark blue suit, appeared to nod in thanks after the performance.

Earlier, he told 28 Australian troops the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations just three months ago had shown "the highs and lows of it all".

Kate also spoke of the emotional turmoil the family had been through, telling 64 Canadian soldiers: "Going from that to this in a few months is very to this in a few months is very

The Princess strange.

strange." The Princess was heard discussing "lack of sleep" with the troops, who have spent days and nights in rehearsal.

Pilot Officer Arna Woods, of the Royal New Zealand Air Force, told of her exchange with Kate. She said: "She's such a beautiful and amazing person, so it was fantastic to be able to meet her, and she was really interested in how we're doing and how our training has been for the event on Monday.

"We talked a bit about her children. They feel just like an ordinary family to talk to."

Meanwhile, William tried to



RALLYING CRY TO TROO



lift Aussie spirits after the Wallabies narrowly lost 39-37 to New Zealand in the Rugby Championship on Thursday.
William, a huge rugby fan, told the soldiers: "You played the All Blacks? Gave them a run for their money. They are a bit too good at the moment."

The foreign soldiers' presence at the funeral underlines the importance of the Commonwealth and its armed forces who serve on the

armed forces who serve on the front line alongside UK personnel. The Queen was also Colonel-in-Chief of a number of regiments from these countries, such as the Royal Australian Artillery, the 48th High-

landers of Canada and the Corps of Royal New Zealand Engineers.
Yesterday, Australian Commodore Ray Leggatt said: "There has always been an operation for many years and it is updated as people change within our organisation.
"That plan has been in place and updated for decades. Everyone is very much aware that they are representing not just the ADF but Australians in general as well.
"It is a very sombre occasion but people do feel very privileged and very humbled to be a part of such a historic occasion but also just to recognise Her Majesty's time of service."

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Emotion . . . Sophie inspects Windsor tributes

PRINCE Edward revealed the Royal Family had been overwhelmed by the tide of emotion since the death of the Queen.

The Earl of Wessex, 58, said the passing of his mother at 96 left an unimaginable void in everyone's lives.

In a statement, Edward, right, hailed the passing of the baton to Charles, signing off: "Long live the King." He said: "While it has been lovely to have

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spent time saying our own fare-well privately at Balmoral, it is now time to allow others to be able to say their farewell.

"We have been overwhelmed by the tide of emotion that has engulfed us."

He also said he and wife Sophie, 57, were thrilled to see their children enjoying places and activities dear to the Queen and Prince Philip.



King . . . with First Minister

Charles' fears of 'difficult winter'

By NATASHA CLARK

KING Charles is "concerned" for struggling people for

KING Charles is "concerned" for struggling people facing a difficult winter, the Welsh First Minister has said.

In what appeared to be his first political comments since ascending to the throne, the new monarch said he was worried about how many would cope with the cost of living crisis.

Labour's Mark Drakeford, who met the King in Cardiff yesterday, told TalkTV the former Prince of Wales had always been interested in issues affecting the nation.

But in comments which will raise concerns about Charles straying into politics, Mr Drakeford said: "He mentioned the cost of living crisis and how that will impact on people in Wales. "He is concerned as to how people will manage through what is going to be a difficult winter."

Mr Drakeford, a republican since his teenage years, also said there was a "legitimate" debate to be had about the Prince of Wales title – but not until the nation had finished mourning the Queen.

Wives link rekindled

THE King renewed a connection built by his mother when he met the Aberfan Young Wives Club yesterday, He invited some of the group of women who lost loved ones in the 1966 mining village disaster, to his Cardiff reception yesterday. Among them was Denise Morgan, who also met the Queen several times. She said: "He will continue that bond with Aberfan and the people of Aberfan."

She also dismissed criticism of the Queen for taking eight days to visit the village after 144 were killed in a slag heap landslide.

Denise said: "She came as a mother that day to sympathise and empathise."

The crowned

FOR 64 years Charles III came to Wales as its prince - yesterday he returned for the first

returned for the first time as King.

Excited children waved flags and chanted "Long live the King" and "King Charles, King Charles" as they waited for his arrival.

The new monarch, on the final leg of his UK tour, has held a deep connection with the country since his mother gave him

By JAMES SOMPER in Cardiff

the title Prince of Wales in 1958, and crowned him in 1969.

He spent ten weeks learning Welsh at university in Aberystwyth, and yesterday used the language in a speech to the Senedd in Cardiff. He told parliamentarians: "I take up my new duties with immense gratitude for the privilege of having been able to serve as Prince of Wales. "That title, dating from the time of those great Welsh rulers, like Llywelyn ap Gruffudd, whose memory is still rightly honoured, I now pass to my son,

CHARLES ON HISTORIC V



William, whose love for this corner of the Earth is made all the greater by the years he has spent here."
Charles also spoke of his mother's affinity for a country that she visited more than 300 times, adding: "Through all the years of her reign, the land of Wales could not have been closer to my mother's heart.

"I know she took immense pride in your many great achievements—even as she also felt with you deeply in time of sorrow. "It must surely be counted the greatest privilege to belong to land that could inspire such devotion."

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He ended with a reference to the motto of his former title, saying: "I

am resolved to honour that selfless example, in the spirit of the words by which I have always tried to live my own life: Ich Dien, I Serve."

Charles and Queen Consort Camilla arrived at Pontcanna Fields by helicopter at 11.15am — welcomed with a 21-gun salute fired by 104 Regiment Royal Artillery.

They were driven to Llandaff Cathedral and were greeted by Alis Huws, official harpist to the Prince of Wales. Camilla wore a brooch of leeks gifted to her by the Queen.

The congregation, which included Prime Minister Liz Truss and Secretary of State for Wales, Robert Buckland, sang hymns including

Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer. Archbishop of Wales the Most Rev Andrew John told how the Queen "had the ability to relate to the man or woman on the Clapham omnibus or, here, the Merthyr Tydfil omnibus".

As they left, Camilla shook hands with five-year-old Keira Hillebert who gifted her daffodils.

The couple then visited the Senedd and Cardiff Castle for a government reception. There they met L/Cpl Shenkin IV, goat mascot of 3rd Battalion The Royal Welsh. Charles was only nine when the Queen made him Prince of Wales and just 20 when formally invested

at Caernarfon Castle in 1969. Yesterday was also Owain Glyndwrday – the anniversary of the last Welshman to be Prince of Wales. The title was created by Edward I in 1301 as a political statement made to emphasise the subjugation of the Welsh by the English. It has been held by 21 heirs to the throne, although there have been long periods when the title was not used at all. Charles became the first member of the royal family to have a residence in Wales when he bought Llwynywermod, a 192-acre estate in Carmarthenshire. Carmarthenshire.

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MOURNERS in a ten-mile queue to see the Queen's coffin were last night warned they faced waits of up to 24 hours.

There was frustration yesterday as numbers swelled past capacity at several points – forcing organisers to stop

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And as tens of thousands filed slowly along the route – dubbed the Queue E2 – the Government warned of dangerously low temperatures overnight

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But spirits still remained upbeat among the crowds determined to

By RICHARD MORIARTY and ANDY ROBINSON

say a final farewell to Her Majesty as she lies in state at Westminster Hall before her funeral on Monday. The Department for Digital, Culture and Media announced at loam yesterday that organisers could not take any more people at Southwark Park, the start of the queue.

But stewards took more than an hour to stop people entering the park — causing a second line to form outside the gates. Queuing officially resumed again at 5.05pm.

Among those left stranded was retired firefighter Phil Clarke, who had got up at 5.30am to travel to London from Church Stretton,

Shropshire. The married dad of two, 65, said: "I'm just going to wait for as long as it takes.
"What's ten or 12 hours? That's nothing compared to 70 years of service the Queen gave us.
"I understand why they shut the queue but I've nowhere else to go so I will just be patient.
"Seeing the Queen is a one-off opportunity and a chance of a lifetime. I'm retired so I am able to do it. So I thought, 'Why not?'."
Dave and Deborah Haries were also prevented from joining the queue for almost an hour.
The ex-soldier, 33, and his wife, 32, left their home in Doncaster, South Yorks, at 4am and drove to the capital with 11-month-old baby

Isaac and daughters Brooklyn, six, and Kiera, 12. Dave said: "We wanted to pay our respects as a family. I was in the military for nine years so it means a little bit more to me.

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"We wanted the kids to come so they would understand what's going on and remember it.

"We spoke to their school to get the day off and they were great."

Deborah added they hoped baby Isaac would sleep through most of the queuing while the girls had iPads and packs of crisps.

Helena Larsen, 76, from Chertsey, Surrey, said she was prepared to wait despite trying to recover from a back injury. She added: "We have literally just got here and they have

shut it in front of us. I fractured my back a few months ago. It's a long walk, even down to here."
Late yesterday afternoon DCMS officials issued a new warning that the expected queuing time was now 24 hours and it could be paused again if it reached capacity.

But nothing was going to deter the human tide weaving its way through the heart of London.

Stella Moon, 57, and husband Peter, 65, from Nottingham, decided to take their chances and join the line. She said: "We had a discussion about it being closed but everyone seemed to be going in the queue.

"I think it's going to be at least 14 hours now but we will see how we go. At least it's not raining. We

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Read all about it . . . papers for those in line

By KEVIN ADJEI-DARKO
THE Sun handed out hot
tea and coffee to keep up
the spirits of those waiting
in the lying-in-state queue.
Our team offered drinks
and papers to people in
the line at London Bridge.
Among them was former
Army officer Kevin Hithersay, who had travelled
from Chesterfield, Derbys.
He said: "She meant
everything. She was our
boss in the Army. I had to
come to pay my respects."



Tea-m effort . . . our hot drinks help beat the chill



never met the Queen but, just like everyone else, we must pay our respects to someone who did so much for our country."

Stella pointed out that queuing for a few hours compared with Her Majesty's 70 years of service "put it in perspective".

She added: "Everyone is cheerful. We've already met other people."

Hubby Peter said: "So many have actually met the Queen. It's too late for us to do that but this is our effort to do something similar."

Retired receptionist Pam Brown, 74, said: "I've been to the funerals of Princess Diana and the Queen Mother so I was going to make damn sure I came here." Meanwhile, a second queue for the disabled

and elderly was closed for three hours late yesterday afternoon — causing anger and confusion.

The shorter accessibility line, which started at the Tate Britain art gallery, stopped handing out the wristbands needed by mourners.

Sign language interpreters were seen attempting to explain what was happening while St John Ambulance volunteers treated those who felt unwell.

Robin Reynolds, 72, was left to wait after a ten-hour flight from Orange County, California.

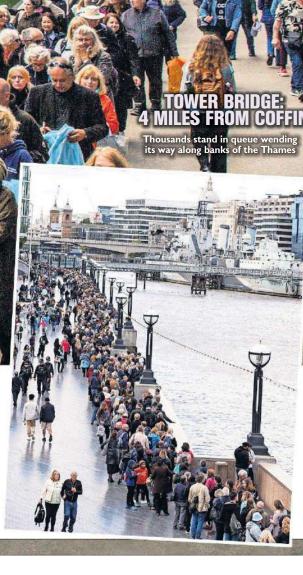
She said: "We had to ask helpers to give us chairs so we can sit down as many of us aren't good on our feet. That's why we are here.

"They told us they've run out of

wristbands and we won't be able to go in until tomorrow afternoon. So I'll continue to wait as nothing will stop me seeing Her Majesty."
Natasha Mullen, 28, from Bexley, Kent, said: "It's discrimination. The law is meant to give us equal rights but the main queue has reopened and we're still stuck here, being treated like second-class citizens.
"They told us they had reached capacity as there's only 160 accessible wristbands per hour slot."
The queue finally started moving again at 6pm, following chants of "We're not moving".

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HUNDREDS of sands of people are expected to line the roads as the Queen makes her last journey from London to Windsor Castle on Monday.

The final details of the route were revealed yester-

route were revealed yester-day – chosen to maximise the chance for well-wishers to bid Her Majesty farewell.

Almost 15,000 officers will be involved in policing the funeral – in what has been called Britain's biggest security operation in history.

After the state funeral, the Queen's coffin will be drawn on a gun carriage by Navy sailors from Westminster Abbey to Wellington Arch, on Hyde Park Corner. There, it will be lifted into the royal hearse to journey to Windsor Castle.

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A Buckingham Palace source yesterday told The Sun: "The route was planned with the public in mind."

Instead of taking the M4, which would have been the speediest route, the coffin will travel at 12mph along A-roads west from London to Berkshire. Teams of cleaners have

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first travel through
Knightsbridge on
the Cromwell Road
– past Harrods, the
Victoria and Albert
Museum and the Natural
History Museum. It will then
continue on the A4 past
Earl's Court and the Famous
Three Kings pub before making
its way to the Chiswick roundabout beside the landmark

Final journey to chapel

Thousands will line roads

15K cops in security op



Preparing . . . police on horseback on an exercise in Windsor ahead of the funeral

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Fuller's Brewery.
Continuing on the
Great West Road,
it will then turn
on to the A30
at Hounslow to
leave central
London towards Heathrow Airport. It will then travel along
the A30 towards Staines,
Surrey, where it will join the
A308 towards Old Windsor.
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ratified by King John in 1215. The famous Runnymede field is a perfect spot for mourners, and many thousands are expected to be there.

While at Runnymede, Her Majesty will pass the JFK memorial and the Air Force Memorial which honours World War Two airmen.

The hearse will then travel though the village of Old Windsor, passing the Bells of Ouzeley Harvester pub and the Toby

Carvery before reaching Albert Road, which leads to Windsor and flanks the Royal Estate.

At Shaw Farm Gate, on Albert Road, the hearse will pause to be joined by King Charles III and other royals before making the journey to The Long Walk, where tens of thousands of mourners will watch it enter Windsor Castle. Prince Andrew and his ex-wife Sarah Ferguson were seen there yesterday, looking at

floral tributes. The Duke of York, 62, looked deep in thought as he walked through the grounds to view the sea of flowers. And in her first appearance since the Queen's death, Sarah, 62, could be seen bending down to read the messages left by well-wishers.

It is thought the Duchess of York will attend the Queen's funeral on Monday with her daughters Princesses Beatrice, 34, and Eugenie, 32.

About 10,500 Met Police officers will be on duty in London, supported by 2,000 colleagues from almost every other force.

More than 2,000 Thames Valley officers will also be present at Windsor.

Details about the huge scale of the operation emerged yesterday as police geared up to the task of protecting world leaders, hundreds of VIPs and millions of mourners.

Met Deputy Assistant Commissioner Stuart Cundy said: "As a single event, this is larger than the Platinum Jubilee. The range of officers, police staff and all those supporting the operation is truly immense."

Mr Cundy said the funeral would be the Met's biggest ever global security operation — with US President Joe Biden among world leaders visiting. The Duke floral tributes.

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Mr Biden is expected to fly into the UK today.

Tomorrow, he will meet Liz Truss for their first face-to-face chat since she became PM.

The Met has drawn up contingency plans to deal with threats including terror attacks, crowd crushing and criminals looking to exploit mourners.

It comes after two women were allegedly sexually assaulted in the queue to attend the Queen's lying in state. A man was remanded in custody.

A total of 34 people have been arrested in London in incidents connected with the period of mourning, several of them for protesting. Police said that number was low.

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CAN SEE QUEEN'S HEARSE



Bishops: Help all to grieve together

THE Archbishops of Canterbury and York have written an open letter urging people up and down the country to ensure no one is left to grieve alone during the Queen's funeral.

Campaign group the Together Coalition, backed by community organisations and charities, is urging groups and individuals to reach out to those who might be alone.

Writing in The Sun, below, Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, urges Britons to come together on Monday.

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THE funeral of Her Majesty The Queen on Monday will be an enormous moment for this country. It will be a great privilege to be involved but this event is not just for the people who will be in Westminster Abbey — it's for us all. This is a time for the nation to come together, to remember and give thanks for the life of Her Majesty.

Grief is a normal response to loss and the funeral will be an opportunity for us to face it together.

It will be a Christian service but I believe there will be something in it — perhaps a song, a prayer, or a line from the Bible — that people of any faith or no faith might find comforting.



With Queen . . . Archbishop

With Queen . . . Archbishop because in each other we find support, comfort and care.

Jesus asks us to love our neighbour. On Monday, that means looking out for each other, especially those who might find the day particularly hard because they are alone, or remembering loved ones they have lost. If each of us commit to calling someone who might appreciate it, or inviting someone to watch the funeral with us, or meeting friends or family, we can make sure no one feels alone and isolated on Monday.

I believe God is close to those who suffer. But He also reminds us to show that same love to other people and be part of a community that cares for each other.

That was what Her Majesty taught us as well — that we can face hard days together, knowing we are never alone.

We are urging firms, councils and public spaces to do what they can to open up places where people can be together.

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FINAL DAYS



Home . . . Her Majesty in July, on way from Aberdeen to Balmoral

EXCLUSIVE by MATT WILKINSON. Royal Editor, and RYAN PARRY

TO the very end, Her Majesty the Queen was bright, happy and — as throughout

esty the Queen was bright, happy and — as throughout her entire life — dutiful.

Informed sources have told The Sun how the monarch was "sparkling" and "buoyant" in her last days and "buoyant" in her last days and weeks, despite her frailty.

And she was absolutely determined to swear in her l5th and final Prime Minister, Liz Truss.
Only 48 hours before the "kissing of hands" ceremony took place at Balmoral, the Queen was advised by concerned courtiers that she might consider letting Prince Charles perform the duty instead. Charles had already replaced his beloved mother by reading the Queen's Speech in Parliament.

But, when it came to swearing in the new PM, she would not even consider the switch.
She told them all: "of course I have to, it's my job"

She went ahead, spending 40 minutes with the outgoing PM Boris Johnson, who said the Queen was "bright and focused" throughout. He said this was "amazing", given how ill she obviously was.

Boris — who sources say made the Queen laugh during their final encounter — said: "It was a pretty emotional time."

Official pictures of the meeting which followed with Ms. Truss

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Official pictures of the meeting which followed with Ms Truss showed the Queen looking very frail, and leaning on a walking stick, but smiling. To the great sadness of the nation, two days later the monarch passed away.

She was in 'sparkling form' at dinners

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The Sun has been told that in the days before the ceremony she had been her usual self and was described as being very jolly at Balmoral lunches and dinners.

Sources have told how the Queen attended dinners with guests and family at the weekend and was in "sparkling form" and "buoyant".

The only difference was that guests were asked not to dress up for dinner.

Today, we also reveal some of the last photographs ever of the Queen who was entertained by a pipe band last month — while wrapped up warm under a gazebo in the grounds of Balmoral Castle.

The Queen had become more frail during August and doctors in residence carried out regular checks-ups.

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Charles III, made daily visits.
Balmoral had been battered by
unseasonable downpours as first
Boris Johnson then Liz Truss flew
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never happened as just hours earlier, her role in her final act was in doubt as aides and doctors were worried about her health, The Sun was told.

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Charles politely offered to act as an able stand-in suggesting she did not need to do it.

But the Queen, who carried out more than 21,000 engagements during her 70 years, committed to her duty and made her way to her drawing room.

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Johnson and Truss had been ordered to Balmoral for the cere-

mony after doctors advised the Queen not to travel south. The next day, Princess Anne arrived back at Balmoral to be by her mother's side, after she had been sailing off the coast of northern Scotland. The Queen was placed under medical supervision and forced to pull out of a video call with her Privy Council later that day. Buckingham Palace insisted that the Queen simply needed to "rest" after a busy day.

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In a touching written tribute after escorting her coffin to Edin-

burgh, the Princess Royal described how she was "fortunate to share the last 24 hours of my dearest mother's life".

On Thursday morning, the palace admitted for the first time they were "concerned" for the Queen's health. As Charles rushed back 150 miles from Dumfries House and planes scrambled for William, Harry and Andrew, the palace announced the Queen's death at 6.30pm.

The end came just 48 hours after she carried out her final constitutional act for the country she had

unswervingly served for seven decades. Just five days earlier, Her Maj enjoyed a dinner with close friends and family at Balmoral.

A source told The Sun: "It was unusual as it was very casual. No one was smartly dressed.

"But the Queen was in sparkling form. She was very, very jolly.

"She was funny, joking. She was buoyant."

The Rt Rev Dr Iain Greenshields told the BBC the Queen seemed frail but in "really good spirits" when he dined with her the week-

IN HER BELOVED BALM



end before she died. Another source said: "No one was ever in a panic at Balmoral that weekend. But the doctors were there."

Photographs emerged of the Queen as she relaxed and enjoyed her favourite Canadian pipe band.

She was treated to a private performance by the 80-strong The Sons of Scotland Pipe Band from Ottawa. One image, captured by a guest, shows the monarch watching intently from under a gazebo, flanked by two of her sons, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward. Jack Brooksbank, 36,

the husband of the Queen's grand-daughter Princess Eugenie, sat two chairs away.

Pipe Major Bethany Bisaillion told how the Queen was "thrilled" by the performance and appeared in high spirits as they played on August 17.

She said: "She really enjoyed it, she was laughing and smiling and was on great form.

"When we first arrived she came out the back door of Balmoral and saw me standing there and said, 'Well, hello again.'

"During the performance she was

clapping along and having a great time.

"What a privilege it was to be able to perform for her at Balmoral, it was our fifth time. She will be sorely missed."

Bethany said that, unlike previous years, The Queen didn't walk around to meet the band or give her a tour.

But, she says, Her Majesty was "alert" and "engaged" throughout the 30-minute performance, which featured stirring bagpipe sets and dance choreography.

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Performance . . . Canadian pipe band



Biggest respects in 'tiniest chapel'

ONE of Britain's smallest churches — with room for just six worshippers — is a big draw for those wanting to pay their respects to the Queen.

St Trillo's Chapel is just lift long and 8ft wide but mourners have flocked to the stone building since her Her Majesty's death was announced last week.

It is a world away from the grandeur of Westminster Abbey, where the Queen's funeral will be held on Monday.

But warden Gordon Jones said: "The chapel is open daily and in there we have two commemorative prayers for Queen Elizabeth on the altar." "We also have a noticeboard with prayer slips and people have been filling those out and pinning them to the noticeboard in her memory. "There are also candles available that people can light for her."

The church, in Rhoson-Sea, Conwy, is said to have been built of wood and wattle in the sixth century by St Trillo, who chose a site above a well. St Trillo came from Brittany as a missionary and is thought to have lived as a hermit on the church site.

The current building, described as looking like a stone shed, was put up in the 16th century.

Its spring has been used for generations for baptisms and healings.

C4 to air 1953 doc

CHANNEL 4 will screen a 1953 documentary on the Queen's coronation as the state funeral is shown on other channels.

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Its offering, A Queen Is Crowned, narrated by Sir Laurence Olivier, was nominated for an Oscar.

A Channel 4 spokesperson said: "Channel 4 will be airing A Queen Is Crowned so viewers can experience both the beginning and end of her remarkable reign."

Their Monday schedule will also observe the two-minute silence and include two news specials. Meanwhile, Huw Edwards, Kirsty Young and David Dimbleby are among presenters for BBC's coverage of the Queen's funeral from 8am. Tom Bradby and Julie Etchingham will lead ITV's reporting team.

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AS MILLIONS PAY TRIBUTE TO OUR BELOVED MONARCH



Thank queue, Your Majesty

CONTRARY to the belief popular abroad, Brits don't "love" to queue.

Ordinarily we just accept it as a fact of life. Ours is a nation with a heightened sense of fair play. When demand for a product or service exceeds supply, an orderly, well-observed queue seems to us not just natural and inevitable but the only decent and proper course.

What's the alternative? A scrum? Priority for the pushiest? No thanks.

Which brings us to The Queue - that triumph of Britishness over brutishness. We have written before how well this "Elizabeth Line" to see Her Majesty lying in state reflects our modern country, with mourners of all races, creeds and ages . . . even teens not supposedly keen on hereditary monarchies.

Look too at the diversity of backgrounds. There in line yesterday was David Beckham alongside folk from every job imaginable – including veterans, sporting war medals, there to honour their fallen commander in chief.

Now, normally a 24-hour queue would indicate official incompetence sufficient to raise even a British eyebrow - or drive some yet further, perhaps into full-blown annoyance. Far from it here.

The round-the-clock marshalling of this huge crowd has been a masterpiece. We congratulate the civil service, the Army, police, fire brigade, stewards and paramedics. With the world watching, they have performed admirably.

In the good-natured and civilised environment which has resulted, friendships are being made in an instant by people who would never dare strike up a random conversation on the Tube.

Despite the sneering from the Left, these queuers represent the vast majority of us. They are Royal fans, proud of their country, determined and united for a few hours in a common endeavour.

For 70 years the Queen provided us all with stability in a turbulent world. Until now there was little or no opportunity to thank her. Thousands are craving a few solemn, tranquil, unforgettable moments to do just that in Westminster Hall.

Queue? What queue?

For such a profound and poignant experience they will wait as long as it takes.

ops' courage

OUR cops get a lot of stick. But we salute the pair slashed by a maniac in London.

Each day beat bobbies face huge dangers protecting the public. These two acted with true courage.

We pray they fully recover.



THE record-breaking queues to see Her Majesty's coffin lying in state in Westminster Hall are irrefutable proof that countless people in Britain are profoundly

dfected by our Queen's death.

Hundreds of thousands have joined lines up to five miles long and taking up to a whole day to traverse.

People have come from across the country, a silent majority not interested in shouting their views on Twitter.

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Any reasonable spectator of these historic events cannot deny the almost tangible devotion and attachment so many have to our late monarch.

Yet the response from a loud, left-wing cabal of commentators has been one of contempt.

The pomp and pageantry has given Britons a profound sense of national identity and upset the sneery, unsentimental, monarchy-bashing classes.

They have dismissed heartfelt displays of mourning by a nation in grief as hysterical and performative.

They have accused those who don't think it is the appropriate time to score cheap political points as bullies.

The Guardian has been one of the chief protagonists. A piece by one veteran journalist cried: "Dissenting voices on royal mourning have been silenced. This is 'cancel culture'."

Which is odd, given the same newspaper has had a swarm of antimonarchist journalists on call, very much exercising their free speech to criticise Queen and country.

"Don't ask me to give the Queen a minute's silence, ask me for the truth about British colonialism", one journo wrote.

Other pieces bash so-called "King Charles the billionaire"

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and call the sense of togetherness fake, asking readers not to be fooled.

How miserable it must be to see so many people so united and use the moment to sneer at those who wish to simply honour the much-loved monarch.

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to simply honour the much-loved monarch.

Sadly, the tedious point-scoring doesn't stop there.

"For black Brits, the Queen's death is raking up conflicted feelings: How can people of colour forget the past when the past continues to affect our future?", HuffPost wrote a mere three days after Her Majesty's death.

I'm sure the black woman draped in a Union Jack who, along with an Asian woman, queued for hours to be one of the first in line to see the Queen lying in state knew just how she felt towards the Queen (spoiler, it's probably all positive).

But don't let reality get in the way of a narrative. They want us to believe our new King is an affront to

FIRST IN LINE

the young, too. In a piece on "How Gen Z really feels about a new monarch", journalists claimed the young dislike the King because of his infidelity to Diana. The truth is polling experts clearly show that lower youth support for the monarchy is nothing new.

As pollsters from the country's biggest survey say: "The older people become, the more likely they are to feel it is 'very important' to have a monarchy."

But the monarchy-bashing wouldn't be complete if poor people weren't being failed too.

In a piece published barely two days after the Queen's death, a former royal correspondent for The Guardian accused the King of not "engaging with" ordinary people in the past. He's never done a "nine-to-five, wage-earning job."

He's the Queen's son and King in waiting for 50 years, for goodness' sake, do you expect him to be stacking shelves in his local Tesco?

As for his supposed contempt for ordinary people, the King's unwavering commitment to meet with the mourning public as he has dutifully toured the country ahead of his mother's funeral completely says otherwise.

Republican lefties have done nothing but complain, ridicule and dismiss those paying their respects. They've tried to sabotage the posthumous legacy of the Queen with a conveyor belt of hit pieces on the King, the country and public mourners.

Those of us who truly loved Her Majesty, who want to grieve with decorum and decency, also have a right to tell them, in the strongest of lerms, to naff orf.



'Savile of trolling' ex-BBC DJ jailed

By ROB PATTINSON

FORMER BBC DJ

A FORMER BBC DJ found guilty of stalking broadcasters including Jeremy Vine was jailed for 5½ years yesterday.

Mr Vine dubbed Alex Belfield "the Jimmy Savile of trolling" following "an avalanche of hatred".

Another victim, a fellow BBC presenter, was seconds away from killing himself, the trial heard.

Ex-Radio Leeds host Belfield was found guilty last month of sending abusive videos and mails.

At Nottingham crown court yesterday, Mr Justice Saini said he agreed with some witnesses who said Belfield had "weaponised the internet".

He said while Belfield's actions were "not traditional stalking, they were just as effective a way of intimidating victims and in many ways much harder to deal with".

Winging it in gold

A NEW restaurant is opening its doors today with a glittering offer.
Thirty chicken wings coated in 24ct edible gold leaf and washed down with champagne are on the menu for £1,000.
But if that is stretching the budget too much, ten gold wings can be had on their own for £50.
OurPlace, in Milton Keynes, Bucks, said: "The base coat is marinated for 24 hours then wrapped in the gold."
The deal comes with up to four side dishes, four desserts and four soft drinks. Regular items include chicken, burgers and pizzas from £7.99.

Pup save by drone

A LOST dog was found using a drone minutes before a storm broke.

using a drone minutes before a storm broke. Runaway schnauzer Hilda bolted out of sight into fields so her owners called Erica Hart, 33.

She launched the drone and was able to lead owners Jamie and Leah Hollinshead to the two-year-old four miles away. Erica offers her drone to find lost dogs for free. The owners, of Clayton, South Yorks, called her a "real-life superhero". Jamie, 43, said: "Hilda could have been run over or the storms could have panicked her."

Erica, of Goldthorpe, said: "It's so rewarding."

FRIENDS IN SPEED

A 120mph, 1,100cc racing car built 60 years ago by three 19-year-old pals could fetch £55,000 at Goodwood, West Sussex.



NOOKIE GETS BOOT

By JACK HARDWICK

You only n when you re

GIVE UP SEX FOR LEAGUE

ONE in ten football fans would go celibate in exchange for winning the

exchange for winning the league, a survey claims.

A poll of 2,000 supporters all over the UK found that 200 would be happy to sacrifice sex if it meant their team being crowned champions.

Analysts quizzed fans from all 20 Premier League teams, 24 Championship sides and 12 Scottish Premiership outfits to see who was most willing to stop scoring.

The most devoted were Liverpool supporters, with 17 per cent saying they would spurn nookie for a season in return for the Reds winning the English top flight, which they've only done once since 1990.

Next were fans of Championship side Birmingham City (15 per cent), then Scottish Prem side Hearts (14 per cent), followed by Prem teams Manchester City (13 per cent) and Nottingham Forest (11 per cent).



Not scoring . . . fan sleeps alone

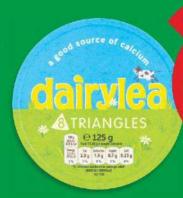
The least willing were supporters of Celtic and Rangers — with just six per cent saying they would impose a bonking ban for a league win. But that might be because they are spoiled, with no other team landing the Scottish top flight since Aberdeen in 1984/85. Fans of Premier League sides Newcastle, Southampton and Leeds were next, on seven per cent each, according to the Sportsbreaks.com. study. alex.peake@the-sun.co.uk

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FIRST . . . Shirley Clarkson

MUM'S

IN the late Sixties, my mother made soft toys in the spare bedroom and decided one year she'd make a couple of bears which were dressed in hats, duffle

dressed in hats, duffle coats and wellies. She then gave them to my sister and I as Christmas presents. We got the first-ever Paddingtons.

Everyone said how wonderful they were and

Everyone said how wonderful they were and how well they'd sell.
And they were right. To keep up with demand, my mum had to move out of the spare room and into a factory and, pretty soon, it felt like half the country had a

like half the country had a Paddington Bear as well. And now everyone is leaving them outside the gates of Buckingham
Palace as a mark of
respect for the Queen.
I just wish my mum
had lived to see it. It

would have made her so very happy.



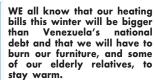
NOT A FRIL

A JAPANESE man who employs a team of what he calls "underwear scientists" has launched a range of lacy boxer shorts for

Apparently, they are designed to "glamourise the male part" and he said, they offer "amazing front

comfort". neither.

One bonus of the microchip crisis: Teslas don't start



We also know that, thanks to inflation, the £1,000 we had in a savings account is now worth only £900.

And that by the middle of November we won't even have enough left to buy a stamp.

As a result, the number of people currently thinking of buying a new car is about... none.

This means that a quarter of all the cars on Britain's roads are now more than 13 years old.

And people are starting to suggest that such an ageing fleet will soon cause a rise in road deaths.

The thinking is that an old car with worn out brakes and a service history that stopped in about 1956 is not going to be as safe as a modern car with collision avoidance technology and an ability to steer itself round rams.

That's true, but we are not

prams.
That's true, but we are not talking about Ford Pops and Austin 1100s here.
My Range Rover is 15 years old, but I never think of it as being particularly decrepit or depression.

to the global shortage of microchips, a lot of modern cars don't have many of those features either

either. Today,

either.
Today, a car has between 500
and 3,000 chips, which control
almost everything from heating to
braking.
And rather than stop the
production lines until the effects
of the pandemic end and chips
become more widely available, car
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Ford dropped rear seat climate controls, BMW quietly stopped fitting touch-screen sat nav, Mercedes did away with wireless phone charging.

ing. And comes news that two factories that make the neon used in the

MUSK HAVE . . . electric Tesla electric Tesla production of chips are in Ukraine. And are currently shut. So things are likely to get worse before they get better, which means that, in the

better, which means that, in the coming months, more and more features will be deleted.

Soon, then, a new car will have a choke and a carburettor and drum brakes, and will be more dangerous and old fashioned than the 13-year-old rust bucket that you're driving now.

It's not all bad news, though, because electric cars use a vast amount of chips.

They even need them to operate

amount of chips.

They even need them to operate the recharging systems.

Not that the Tesla enthusiasts are going to be able to do that when the power cuts start.

Hahahahahaha.



NEVER DRE-ARY . . . Coffey

CLOSE

SOME time in the next week or so we will emerge from under the veil of sadness and realise that, while we weren't paying attention, we got a new Prime Minister and a whole new Cabinet.

And that we don't really know anything about any

of them.
I'll be honest, I have grave concerns about Ms Truss. She doesn't seem to be very empathetic somehow. Even her eulogy to the Queen felt wooden, like she was reading out an essay in front of the class.

But I was rather taken

But I was rather taken by her new deputy, a lady called Therese Coffey. She reminds me of The Two Fat ladies who used to host a cookery show on the BBC. No nonsense. Speaks as she finds. Likes a cigar. She's already told her staff to stop using woke speak and has demonstrated that she's a stickler for good grammar by urging them grammar by urging them to use commas properly. Plus, as we discovered

during a live radio interview, the alarm on her phone is Dr Dre's hit Still D.R.E.

All in all, then, she

sounds like exactly the sort of person who we like to have in charge.

Except I then discovered she's antiabortion. Which means that behind the tough, straight-talking exterior beats the heart of a mad







government must give her 10,000 euros (£8,850) in compensation.
Pah. It's got nothing to do with free speech

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free speech.
The fact is that she
was right. The
authors of the Bible

were almost certainly drunk. Because how else do you come up with stories about a man who could walk on water and bring people back from the deadbut only when he wasn't turning over Jews' tables?



EVER since I was a small boy

l've Known there was nothing quite so scary as Russia's military. We'd watch those seemingly endless military parades in Red Square and quiver with fear at the size and number of their missiles.

We'd hear stories of fantastic new

fighter jets and amazing nuclearpowered submarines and every so often a serious-looking British Army person would tell us that they had 100 times more tanks than Nato did and that if they ever attacked, the whole of Europe would fall within two

days.
Which is why none of us held out

much hope for poor little Ukraine. And yet here we are, six months down the line and Ukraine is staging a successful counter attack while Putin's generals are so desperate they are touring Russia's jails, offering prisoners a pardon if they

sign up to fight. My big worry is that Putin can't be seen to lose. And if that even looks like it might happen, God knows what savagery he will rain down on the battlefield.

Someone needs to get him and Zelensky round a table very soon, before the snows of winter start, to thrash out a deal which neither side will like or want. But which is absolutely necessary.

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DEAL OF DAY



SIT back on the Oakley velvet chair from Dunelm, in grey or green, now half price, down from £139 to £69.50.

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CHEAP TREAT

QUENCH dry skin with Garnier Ultimate Blends' delicate oat soothing body lotion, down from £5 to Suitable for sensitive skin. SAVE: £2.01



What's

STUDENTS can save at Frankie & Benny's restaurants this month

CHEAP FIXES FOR HAIR DAMAGED BY SUN AND SEA

Help for tresses in distress

THE summer may seem a distant memory, but your hair hasn't forgotten the battering it got from the sun and sea.

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If your locks are dry and frizzy, and you can't afford an expensive salon trip, help is at hand.

Here, experts advise how to sort your barnet on a budget.

THE MANE POINTS: Book a trim, says Jonathan Andrew, Fudge Professional global ambassador.

trim, says Jonathan Andrew, Fudge Professional global ambassador.
He adds: "If your hair frizzes, spritz it with a leave-in conditioner. A twice-weekly treatment will help to get your hair back in shape. "Try So? Sorry Not Sorry me the Mane Hair Mask, £7

By MEL HUNTER

from Superdrug. You may also have product build-up so use a shampoo designed to detox your hair." Jonathan recommends Fudge Professional Clean Mint Shampoo, £11.88, amazon.co.uk.

BEE CALM: Products with honey can help brittle and lifeless hair, says haircare expert Nicole Petty from extensions retailer milkandblush.com.

"It has plenty of benefits, such as moisturising dry hair and scalp and reducing breakage and frizz.

"You can also use the honey from your cupboards to create your own hair mask. Mix honey and water, massage into the scalp from root to tip, leave on for one to two hours and rinse."

MASK IT: Neil Capstick founder of hair-

for one to two hours and rinse."

MASK IT: Neil Capstick, founder of hair-care brand Neal & Wolf, suggests an intensive treatment instead of everyday

conditioner. He says: "Leave on as a mask for two to three minutes. This will leave hair healthy and shiny."

The Harmony intensive care mini essentials collection is down from £25 to £20 at nealandwolf.com plus get ten per cent off your first order.

HAVE FAITH: Tyler Moore, stylist at salon Live True London, recommends a nourishing mask for hair. The Faith in Nature treatments are also ethical.

Tyler says: "Coconut and Shea will hydrate and nourish dry hair, while Shea and Argan is perfect for nourishing normal to dry hair." The Shea & Argan is down from £6.99 to £4.66 at Waitrose.

All prices on page correct at time of going to press. Deals and offers subject to availability.

TOP **SWAP**



GIVE your home a touch of Art Deco glamour with the Accents Beaumont mirror from victorianlum.com. above, for £189. Or get the look for less with Habitat's Olivia Art Deco mirror, below, for £55.

SAVE: £134





Leah's little helper

DIG into the indoor and outdoor plant sale at Lidl, which started at Lidi, which started this week and get a large outdoor plant for £11.99 and ceramic pot for £5.99. Or pur-chase as part of the multi-buy offer and get both for £16, saving you £1.99.



new?

with its new meal deal. Buy either a classic cheeseburger or Viva La Vegan stacker burger and coke for £8 instead of £15. To claim, go to frankieandbennys.com/ student-discount and register your student status.



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BACK to





GET ready for a meat-free Monday with Quorn vegetarian mince, 300g, down from £2.50 to £1.50 at Sainsbury's, ideal for veggie chilli, bolognese or lasagne.

Clues to oceans in driveway meteorite

By CHRIS POLLARD

EXTRA-terrestrial water has been found for the first time in a meteorite which landed in the UK.

first time in a meteorite which landed in the UK. Experts say the Ilb chunk from outer space holds clues about where our oceans came from. It was unlikely to be contaminated as it was retrieved soon after it fell on a family's driveway in Winchcombe, Gloucs, in February last year.

Natural History Museum expert Ashley King told the British Science Festival that 12 per cent of the sample was water. He added that it was "very, very similar to the composition of water in the Earth's oceans".

The festival in Leicester heard the meteorite was believed to have come from an asteroid near Jupiter, with its trip taking about 300,000 years. It adds weight to the idea that water on Earth came from asteroids rather than ice in comets.



Off tarmac . . . Vulcan

Fright as bomber skids off runway

By JEROME STARKEY

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A VULCAN bomber which overshot a runway yesterday was inches away from hitting cars on a busy road.

The warplane — call sign XM655 — slipped off the tarmac as it attempted a "high-speed taxi test".

No one was injured in the mishap at Wellesbourne airfield near Stratford-upon-Avon in Warwickshire.

But the bomber's nose ended up in a hedge feet away from the B4086 with its wheels buried deep in a grassy field.

It is looked after by the XM655 Maintenance and Preservation Society at the airfield and draws crowds of visitors.

Before last year the Vulcan had not done a high-speed taxi run for five years. At the time, Wing Commander Mike Politt said: "The aircraft performed fantastically. She's in great shape."

PC'S 'LIFE CHANGING



By MIKE SULLIVAN

KNIFEMAN stabbed two police officers before a hero passer-by floored him

with a bike.
His rampage left a female PC with potentially life-changing injuries while a second was knifed four times early vectorially morning

knifed four times early yesterday morning.

They had tried to search the suspect amid reports he was brandishing a blade.

He was Tasered after stabbing the female officer in the arm, witnesses said.

But he leapt back up and grabbed a knife before lash-

hit attacker with

ing out wildly, stabbing a male PC three times in the neck and once in the chest. Both officers were taken to hospital from the scene in London's West End. Police ruled out any connection with terrorism or the Queen's death. Phone footage of the 6am incident showed the barefoot suspect, in his 20s, lunging at the officers.

More police arrived and fired Tasers but the suspect's thick jacket is thought to have absorbed most of the 50,000-volt charge. He

sent two officers flying before the passer-by picked up a bicycle and crashed it down on the man's head.
Footage showed the shirtless male officer with blood pouring from his neck.
A colleague tried to stem the flow with his hand.
The two officers had earlier been helping a woman who collapsed after being spiked with drugs at a club.
The suspect had been behaving erratically in Leicester Square.
A witness said: "Police were searching him when

he pulled out a knife and stabbed the woman officer.

"He was Tasered and fell but then he leapt up and grabbed a knife and started going berserk.

"The man stabbed and slashed one male officer in the neck as other police were firing Tasers and hitting him with batons.

"But it didn't seem to do any good. It was like he had super-human strength."

Another witness added: "I ran into the street and saw the man on the ground with lots of Taser wires coming

out of him. He was shouting

out of him. He was shouting and still seemed to be struggling as police were holding him down.

"Within minutes there were hundreds of police."

A knife was recovered and the suspect arrested on suspicion of grievous bodily harm and assaulting an emergency services worker.

He was later discharged from hospital into custody.

The Met said the officers had put their own welfare at risk to protect others.

Ken Marsh, chairman of the Met Police Federation, added: "Yet again, we see the brave actions of officers running towards danger and not away from it."

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A house with just 3 sides... for £700k

By JAMES SOMPER

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A CHEESE-shaped house has come up for sale—but at £700,000 it will set you back a fair wedge.
Belford Mill Cottage, a triangular four-bed semi-detached, dates from the 19th century and may not be ideal if you want to fit corner sofas.

It was once a weaver's house within the mill complex and narrows to a few feet at one end.
The property has a sweeping driveway and impressive pillars but the curves end there.
The accommodation, described as guithy is

curves end there.

The accommodation, described as quirky, is spread over four floors with plenty of original features such as timber beams and sash windows. It is on the outskirts of Ashburton, Devon, with countryside views towards Ashburn valley and Dartmoor National Park.

Estate agent Sawdye &

moor National Park.
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Harris says: "Being
almost triangular-shaped
gives this home its fabulous character."



Flight of fancy . . . easyJet

_ove's in air with easyJet date app

By STEPHEN MOYES

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EASYJET has become the first airline in the world to launch a dating app.

The budget carrier is hoping to break into the online romance industry dominated by Tinder and elfarmony with easyWoo.

While there have been a few dating apps for pilots and crew, this is the first for passengers.

Lovebirds will be able to match up with fellow fliers at the departure gate or in the sky.

The airline's founder, billionaire Sir Stelios Haji-loannou, 55, has proved to be an old romantic in the past, wooing Miss Great Britain Brooke Johnston, 14 years his junior, in 2007.

The notoriously private businessman may find the app handy, as he is reportedly single.

But gold-diggers should think twice before swiping right. Sir Haji-loannou is on record as saying: "I have no plans to get married."

MASKED SINGER HOST ON WORK,



EXCLUSIVE by ROD McPHEE and FELICITY CROSS

JOEL DOMMETT is arguably the busiest man on TV appearing on dozens of shows on virtually every channel - and even his own wife reckons he's getting too much airtime.

On ITV alone, the next four weeks will see him front The Masked Dancer and the National Television Awards and he will also feature in the new series of ancestry programme DNA Lourney

Journey.
Joel, 37, has finally reached the point when he is saying no to work after even Mrs Dommett – otherwise known as model Hannah Cooper, 31 – said she was fed up with seeing him

Rhown as model riaman Cooper, or -said she was fed up with seeing him on screen.

He says: "Hannah says it all the time. She sees me as a person then she gets home and I'm not there but she sees me on the TV.

"There's no way I would get too big for my boots because I have a wife who constantly keeps me in check.
"The thing is, I love making television. I love the process, the people, making friends, and when you get paid to do that it's difficult to say no.
"I also work a lot because I have always felt like it was going to end. But The Masked Singer and The Masked Dancer have given me a bit of a comfort blanket in terms of feeling I've got a few years of security.

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"That's the hard part at this stage of my career though, you do have to start saying no to things.

"And the reason is that otherwise people would start to hate you."

Joel says he still suffers impostor syndrome, despite his career soaring since he became a household name on ITV's I'm A Celebrity in 2016.

After trying his hand at acting in his teens and 20s, the boy from Gloucestershire became a stand-up comic and has slowly shifted towards TV presenting over the past six years. Yet despite clearly hankering after the limelight, he reveals he was always crippled with self doubt.

He says: "I would phone Hannah after a show, crying down the phone, thinking I was so bad at it. I'd mess up the autocue and feel so nervous." I would go back to my

STAND-UP AND BE COUNTED . . . Joel's act at a 2014 comedy festival

nervous. nervous.
"I would go back to my hotel room and put an audiobook on subtitles and just read them out loud for hours on end to try to

improve.
"It didn't really make difference because it's a different type of pressure when you are on live
TV but I've
learn ed to

TV bullearned love it.

"But I cry shows now "But I cry after shows every now and then. I am very self-critical. I am probably a bit too hard on myself." Despite his insecurities, Joel won wide acclaim when he hosted the NTAs last year at the 02 Arena in London and he feels more relaxed about taking on he duties again at Wembley Arena on October 13.

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He says: "It was a scary prospect and there's quite a lot of pressure performing in front of so many famous people who can probably do it far better than I could. But it was wonderful that the response was so positive. "Hopefully I can take that one step further and do some extra things, so I'm really excited for

this, especially now that Covid is less of a danger.

"We can have more fun and I can be in the audience more and won't need to socially distance."

The show's postponement from this month to October due to the Queen's passing also means the NTAs will not clash with his and Hannah's wedding anniversary which is what happened last year.

Joel says: "We just celebrated it in a different way. We were sort of celebrating it in the 02, in front of 15,000 people, in front of Ricky Gervais and Michael McIntyre.

"And afterwards we stayed in a

Gervais and Michael McIntyre.

"And afterwards we stayed in a
nice hotel in London. It was our oneyear anniversary, so it was
momentous." At this point Joel counts
back and realises he actually got

married in 2019 — so it was in fact their second wedding anniversary last year.

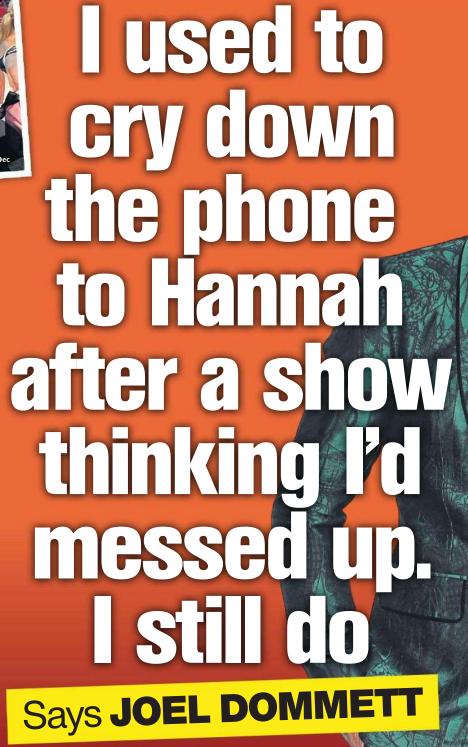
He says: "Your maths is just better than mine."

He acknowledges that getting gigs as big as the NTAs and fronting The Masked Singer sees him at something of a crossroads in his career.

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But he knows moving up to the next level is a tricky balance between maintaining a profile without audiences tiring of you.

He says: "Getting to this point is kind of the easy bit. Staying here is the hard part.

"Look at people who have been there for 30 years, like Ant & Dec, Phillip Schofield, Jonathan Ross and Graham Norton. That's the next step, and that's incredibly hard to navigate



STRICTLY AND BEING HARD ON HIMS



'In my knitted version I was quite well endowed'

Audiences who saw him strip off in the I'm A Celebrity jungle camp were blown away by his toned physique, which he clearly works hard on.

Naturally, that got quite a bit of attention and a new fanbase sending him some odd gifts.

He says: "Once I got a knitted version of myself, with a penis, and

crotch?⁷
"But for the moment Hannah and I are just enjoying our lives. It's something we'll look forward to doing in the future, if that's our destiny. We'll see."
Hannah isn't leaving everything to fota however.

agreements, so you never know."

know."

It seems Joel still can't resist
the urge to appear on yet another
TV show – even if it risks the
wrath of 'er indoors.

The Masked Dancer is on ITV tonight
at 6.30pm and the National Television
Awards are on ITV on October 13.

SHAME OLD, SHAME OL



All teens

'must do

job stints

ALL teenagers must get work experience before they leave school, ministers have been urged. Ex-employment minister Mims Davies is backing charity Speakers for Schools which wants kids to have to legally sign up for two job taster stints. They say it will help teens from disadvantaged backgrounds get a leg up on the career ladder. Currently, work experience is only advised. Research from YouGov found just a third of 16 to 18-year-olds had work experience while in full-time learning.

experience while in full-time learning.

Ms Davies said: "Work experience plays a vital role in opening up opportunities and increasing social mobility."

Political Correspondent

MILITANT union bosses will sabotage the Conservative Party conference next month with crippling rail strikes.

More than 10,000 ministers, MPs and activists all face nightmare journeys to and Action ... Whelan

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from Birmingham when train drivers walk out.

Aslef members will strike on Saturday, October 1 — when many are travelling to the event — and Wednesday, October 5, when PM Liz Truss is expected to make her speech.

The action will also cause misery for football fans trying to get to big games on both

WED OCT 5

days. Aslef called off a strike over pay on September 15 as a mark of respect following the Queen's death. But yesterday's announcement sparked fury.

A rail industry source yesterday said: "It is quite frankly utterly disrespectful that the Aslef leadership has chosen to announce strike action to train operators today. This is a time

when the entire rail family is working hard to support the hundreds of thousands who wish to pay their respects to ther Majesty the Queen."

No services from Avanti West Coast, Chiltern Railways, CrossCountry and West Midlands Trains are likely to run on the strike days.

Labour's conference in Liverpool is also being hit by a 24-hour TSSA rail strike on its first day, September 26.

Aslef, led by Mick Whelan, is not commenting during the national mourning period.

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John Lewis

Sterling slides to 37-yr low

By ASHLEY ARMSTRONG

THE Pound tumbled to its lowest level since 1985

its lowest level since 1985 on the back of poor retail sales and growing fears of a recession.

Sterling fell by almost one per cent to \$1.136 yesterday morning – the first time it has been below \$1.14 in 37 years.

The drop followed Office for National Statistics figures showing retail sales fell by 1.6 per cent last month compared with the previous month. Big names including

with the previous month. Big names including DFS, John Lewis and Wickes had warned this week that hard-up shoppers were cutting back. The Pound's low came on the 30th anniversary of the collapse of Sterling on Black Wednesday. Susannah Streeter, of Hargreaves Lansdown, said: "It's a chilling repeat of the dismal day."

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Vow over kill probe

A WATCHDOG has pledged to conclude its inquiry into the police shooting of rapper Chris Kaba within nine months. The Independent Office for Police Conduct will also investigate whether race played a part.

Mr Kabba, 24, died after being shot in the head at the wheel of an Audi in Streatham, South London, on September 5. The IOPC said it would show his family footage from bodycams "as soon as it is practicable".

temperature's going down to -1C By PAUL SIMS Sun Weatherman Sun Weatherman SWIMMERS brave the sea at Cullercoats Bay in North Tyneside yesterday — but they're not the only ones heading for a dip. Forecasters are warning of sub-zero temperatures over the next few nights, with the thermometer dropping as low as -1C. Met Office forecaster Marco Petagna said: "We've Petagna said: "We've had such a glorious summer that we forget that this is what it should be like in autumn."

SIR Keir Starmer's Beergate investigation cost a police force £101,000, an information request has found.

The Labour leader was suspected of breaking Covid rules when he was pictured in a pub with a beer and Indian meal in April 2021.

But Sir Keir's team said he and other MPs present,

including deputy Angela Rayner, had been having a working break in Durham. The probe used nine detectives and spent 3,200

The probe used nine detectives and spent 3,200 hours before deciding no breach was committed, news outlet National World said.

Durham police said multiple suspects were involved.

Labour did not comment.

TRANS DRUGS FOR KIDS AGE 9

TRANS kids as young as nine should be allowed sex change hor-mones, a watchdogs' guidelines say. The World Professional Association for Transgender Health says it is OK when they hit puberty. The NHS is reviewing its own rules.

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MON 18

TUE 18°

COVID infections in the UK have fallen to their lowest level for nearly a year. An estimated 881,200 people, not including hospitals, had the virus in the week to September 5, the Office for National Statistics said. This is down seven per in Wa

This is down seven per cent on the previous week and is the lowest UK-wide

should be like in autumn.

total since the week to September 25, 2021, when the number stood at 837,800.
The overall number of infections has been on a downwards path since July.
But Scotland has a slight rise in infections and trends in Wales and Northern Ireland have been described by the ONS as "uncertain".

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WEATHER with TALK TV'S NAZANEEN GHAFFAR

TODAY: Feeling cooler, but mainly dry and bright with spells of sunshine and variable amounts of cloud. A risk of a shower across northern Scotland.

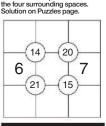
northern Scotland.

TONIGHT: A mainly dry evening with some late sunshine for most. Overnight will remain dry and cloudy for most parts with occasional clear spells.

OUTLOOK: More in the way of cloud tomorrow and a chance of showers and it will be breezy along North Sea coasts. Monday will be mainly dry and bright with periods of sunshine, however large areas of cloud cover will build bringing a few isolated showers.

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Today's birthdays

MOTOR racing champion DAMON HILL, left, 62, model PIXIE GELDOF, 32, Benidorm star SHERRIE HEWSON, 72, and American singer
ANASTACIA, right, 54.

Last night's Health
Lottery numbers: 3, 6,
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IDENTICAL TOTS SURPRISE



naturally conceived identical triplet girls — having being told they would all be boys.

Caitlin Knight, 20, and partner Jake Hammerton, 22, partner Jake Hammerton, 22, were told at a 22-week scan they were expecting three babies and to consider painting the nursery blue. They had even decided on names for the boys – Theo, Luca and Jude.

But when the tiny triplets were delivered by caesarean section the couple had to have a rethink – and settled

on Thea, Lily and Esmae. Electrical engineer Jake told The Sun: "Every midwife said they were all boys." Then they began pulling out the babies and, when I went to look after, I saw they all had little pink hats, not blue.

"I told Caitlin and she didn't even believe me. The doctors had to convince her I was telling the truth."

The triplets were not planned, and conceived without IVF — defying odds as high as 200 million to one.

As it was such a high-risk pregnancy, doctors offered the couple, from Deepcar, South Yorks, an abortion. But dental nurse Caitlin, left,

said: "We said absolutely not. We knew we wanted to keep them."

The babies arrived last month at 32 weeks and weighing from 3lb loz to 4lb loz. They are still in hospital in Sheffield but are off their ventilators and were put together for their first cuddle last week.

They should be allowed home in the next few weeks.

The new parents had prepared a nursery but in a neutral colour.

However, they donated the boys toys they had bought to charity.

Jake said: "We didn't really mind the fact the genders were different than what we were told. We were really shocked, but they were healthy, which was the main thing."



Wedding pair hit a high note

By JULIA ATHERLEY

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A BRIDE and groom turned entertainers by performing with the band at their own wedding reception.

Musical director Josh Wilkinson, 27, grabbed the baton to conduct as new wife Sally, 35, played a cornet for their guests.

Both are members of Alford Silver Band and booked them to play but joined them for a surprise performance of Avicii's Wake Me Up.

Josh, who joined the band at 14, said: "It felt quite personal to have all these people we're close with playing on our wedding day. The song was an arrangement I wrote for the band so that was extra special."

Occupational therapist Sally added: "It was very special."

The pair, who met through the band five years ago tied the knot

special."
The pair, who met through the band five years ago, tied the knot at Saint Wilfred's Church, in Alford, Lincs, before their reception at Alford Manor House.

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MY TEAM:

ANNE-MARIE is unleashing an angry side on her new single – ar taking it all out on AITCH.

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They teamed up for a tune called
Psycho and shot a video in which the
singer and other women seek revenge
on Aitch, who has been seeing them all.
Anne-Marie said: "This song was
inspired by personal experience. I was
once in a situation where the guy I was
seeing was gaslighting me when I
suspected he was cheating on
me, which he was (total mug)!"



- 3. B.O.T.A. (Baddest Of Them All) ELIZA ROSE & INTERPLANETARY CRIMINAL

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- comeback is off to a cracking start after
 Forget Me shot to the
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 becoming his third
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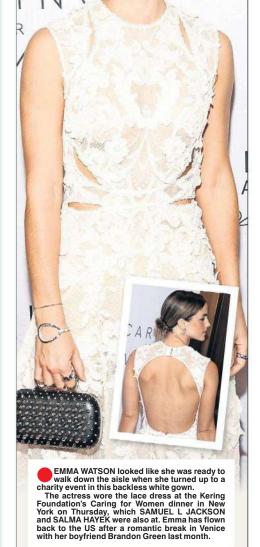
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- 6. Not Over Yet KSI ft TOM GRENNAN
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- 9. Under The Influence
 CHRIS BROWN
 10. Hold Me Closer -
- BRITNEY SPEARS

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 2. Patient Number 9 –
 OZZY OSBOURNE
- 3. Harry's House HARRY STYLES
- 4. Know Your Enemy MANIC STREET PREACHERS
- 5. How Will I Know If Heaven Will Find Me? THE AMAZONS

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SIMON BOYLE'S AN: MUM FEARED I HAD STROKE with his mental health. I couldn't even talk. My

RYLAN CLARK got into such a bad place last year he couldn't speak properly - and his mum thought he was having a stroke.

The presenter split from his husband Dan Neal and took five months off work after strugoling

after struggling

With Institute that it.

With Dan, said:

"I felt like I'd had a jab and I
was shutting down. I
wouldn't eat. I went through a stage where

speech was slurred and my mum genuinely thought I was having a stroke." Rylan also told FEARNE

COTTON on her Happy Place podcast that despite needing time off, being away from work made things worse at first.

will **KANYE WEST** be hoping third it's time when it comes to lucky model girlfriends – after getting together with CANDICE SWANEPOEL.

The rapper is quietly dating the South African beauty following romances with IRINA SHAYK and JULIA FOX after the breakdown of his give year.

SHAYK and JULIA FOX after the breakdown of his six-year marriage to KIM KARDASHIAN 18 months ago.

The couple have already taken trips to Oxfordshire and New York in recent weeks.

And they have become so close that Kanye has even enlisted her to model his new range of sunglasses. But that might not please his ex Kim too much as, only five months ago, Candice was modelling her Skims shapewear products.

A source said: "Kanye and Candice have been seeing a lot of each other and he's been introducing her as his girlfriend. "He was hung up on Kim for a long time but he finally seems to be

"He was hung up on Kim for a long time but he finally seems to be moving on."

'Unresolved issues'

The source added: "So far things have been kept quite casual with Candice because they are both really busy and they don't want to rush into anything.
"But things are a lot more promising than they were with Irina or Julia."

The rapper dated Irina last summer and then had a whirlwind two-month romance with Uncut Gems actress Julia at the beginning of the year.

Speaking this week about why they split, she explained: "It was just like, he still wants to hang out with me today. And then real life set in and the lifestyle wasn't sustainable.

"I couldn't fly away once a week. And I tapped out at the first sign of a red flag."

Asked about what that red flag was, Julia, who has a 20-

flag was, Julia, has a 20month-old son called Valentino with her former husband, added: unresolved issues

that he was dealing with.

"It just seems like he had a lot to work on, and I just don't have time for it, or energy. I do not have the bandwidth or emotional Kanye 'on promising dates' with South African model Candice

capacity for it. I'm proud of myself for that." for that."

Julia said that if she had met Kanye before having her son, she would have "definitely stuck it out and been there for longer".

While he has someone special in his life once again, Kim recently split from comic PETE DAVIDSON.

Now Kim insists she is done with dating celebrities.

dating celebrities.

She told JAMES CORDEN on She told JAMES CORDEN on
The Late Late Show:
"Clearly, it's not working,
whatever I'm doing. So,
I don't know. Maybe,
like, next time meet
a doctor.
"I think it's gonna
be like, scientist, neuroscientist, biochemist,
doctor, autorney. That's
maybe what I envision in
the future."

ROMANCE . . . Kanye and Candice

N A ROLL IN MANS

LADBABY'S MARK HOYLE

has splashed out on a £2.25million mansion. The YouTuber and his wife Roxanne have quit their three-bedroom semi and

ploughed their earnings into the estate in Nottingham. The sausage roll fanatics – who have scored four consecutive Christmas No1s with pastry-themed festive tracks – háve upgraded to a

seven-bed, seven-bathroom home, which features a grand entrance hall with a modern take on the Bridgerton-style winding

The 8,000 square foot gated property also boasts a gym, walk-in dressing rooms and a Jacuzzi.

Their neighbours now include former England spin bowler and BBC cricket

pundit **GRAEME SWANN**. One local said: "It's an

absolutely massive house and perfect for a celebrity. "Mark is a big Nottingham Forest fan, and I've been told that he wanted to live in the same area as some of his heroes. A lot of them have homes here.

"He is obviously doing well for himself. Houses in this part of the city go for well

over a million pounds and this was one of the most expensive in the neighbourhood." But the move comes

after it was claimed earlier this month that the dad-of-two touched a mystery woman's bottom in a bar during a night out without

Roxanne.
A new home should help calm any tension.

that glitters is gold for BLAKE LIVELY.
The actress revealed her baby bump at the 10th Annual Forbes Power Women's Summit in New York, anouncing she is pregnant with her fourth child.
Dressed in a sequined is blake also

her fourth child.

Dressed in a sequined frock,
Blake also showed off her legs
in sky-high heels. She already
has kids James, lnez and Betty
with her actor husband RYAN
REYNOLDS. The couple met
in 2010 on the set of the
Green Lantern. Given most
Hollywood couples last Hollywood couples last

about two minutes, I'm impressed they are still going steady.



Walnuts save lives

SNACKING on walnuts instead of biscuits may add years to your life, according to research. Scientists found a handful a day reduces the risk of heart attacks, strokes and other lifethreatening conditions

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A study of 3,000 people
over a 30-year period
found regular consumers
were slimmer and fitter
as they got older. They
had fewer harmful fats
and lower blood pressure.
Professor Lyn Steffen,
of the University of Minnesota, said: "Walnut eaters seem to have a
unique body type that
carries with it other positive impacts on health,
like better diet quality."

Tots' high chair fee

A RESTAURANT has left some parents spitting for charging them £3 to bring their babies with them.

Panda Garden posted:

"High chairs are not free, nor is labour, or food."

The Chinese eaterie says it has been rammed after introducing an all-you-can-eat buffet, starting at £9,90 for adults.

So the restaurant, at Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, says it is charging £3 for high chairs as they take up an adult space—yet tots still eat the food. It adds: "We are also paying for staff to clean up the mess." But customers are outraged, with one complaining: "It's absolutely disgusting."

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ALE could stave off dementia. Brain cells are surrounded by a network of tubes that help to flush away toxins. Studies on mice show small doses of alcohol, like in beer, make the system more efficient.



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GIN AND TONIC
A G&T during peak hay fever months could help to soothe your coughs and sneezes, charity Asthma UK found.
Compared with beer and cider, which have a bigher histomine. which have a higher histamine content due to their fermentation process, a clear spirit such as gin would be your best option if you do not want to worsen allergy symptoms.

HERE is some good news you can raise a glass to.
A daily cup of milk slashes the risk of Type 2 diabetes by ten per cent, a study has revealed.
The theory is that the dairy drink has key nutrients that boost our ability to process sugar.
And it's not the only beverage that is good for your health. NIKKI WATKINS brings you facts to drink in.

TOMATO JUICE A GLASS of this a day could keep

breast cancer at bay. Upping your intake of tomatoes increases the level of adiponectin, a hormone which is thought to protect against the disease, say US researchers.

COFFEE
REGULAR coffee drinkers are
17 per cent less likely to die
young. Experts from
Southampton University
found the naturallyoccurring compounds in your cup
of coffee can
improve liver funcimprove liver func-tion and bolster your immune system.

TEABLACK tea can be a lifesaver. Two or more cups daily can cut the risk of early death by 13 per cent, the UK
Biobank found. It can also ward off cold and flu as it contains flavonoids that support the immune system.

HOT CHOCOLATE

CHOCOLATE CAN be hot stuff for your health, too. Cocoa powder is rich in flavanols, a plant compound that can compound that can lower blood pressure and reduce your risk of heart attack, cancer and stroke. The sweet drink can also boost your mental health.

















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Pounds, not points

Football kids' red cards for headers

By AMIR RAZAVI

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CHILDREN as young as six will be sent off in football matches from this weekend if they deliberately head the ball to prevent a goal.

The FA has sent fresh guidelines to grassroots teams trialling its new safety initiative aimed at reducing brain damage.

The pilot project will stop kids in teams from under-12s downwards from heading the ball in training and matches.

Refs will give players who deliberately head the ball a red or yellow card in certain circumstances.

Some grassroots coaches fear curbs on heading will ruin the game.

Mike Statham, an U12s coach for Hessle FC in Hull, said it will encourage teams to play "long balls over the top because they know they can no longer be defended".

He added: "Heading is a natural reaction in football. This trial is going to be an absolute mess."



Top chef fired for shocking hygiene

By WILL BARKER

A HEAD chef at an award-winning gastropub was fired for serving mussels 'unfit for human consumption', an employment tribunal heard.

Max Murphy, 53, was sacked for gross misconduct after the restaurant's owners uncovered 'shocking' hygiene practices.

He was accused of preparing vegan food next to

ing" hygiene practices. He was accused of preparing vegan food next to
raw chicken and "double
dipping" his fingers in
sauce. Staff at the Malt
Shovel in the West Midlands village of Barston
also told how he served
mussels that "stank and
were clearly dead".

Mr Murphy, who helped
the pub win two AA
rosettes, took his former
bosses to the Birmingham tribunal, claiming
he should have been
given another chance.
But his unfair dismissal
claim was thrown out by
employment judge Katherine Hindmarch who
ruled the business could
no longer trust him.



Punters who gamble on horses have higher IQs

EXCLUSIVE by NICK McDERMOTT

BLOKES who gamble on horses tend to be brainier than those who do

ier than those who do
not, research shows.
A study of nearly 15,500
British male punters found
horseracing enthusiasts had
a higher than average IQ.
Experts claim they often make
complex decisions – unlike other
wagers, such as the lottery or
slot machines.
For each step up on the IQ
scale, punters spent around 21
per cent more on horseracing,
around 2800, researchers found.
The study shows intelligent
punts such as accumulators,
with only 19 per cent of bright
sparks opting for simple bets.
More than 19 in 20 horseracing enthusiasts – including
the late Queen who was an avid
fan of the sport – also bet.
They spend around £4billion a
year at the bookies.
The University of Eastern Finland and Liverpool University
study says: "Compared to the
average man in our sample, the
average bettor has a higher IQ
score. It is plausible intelligent



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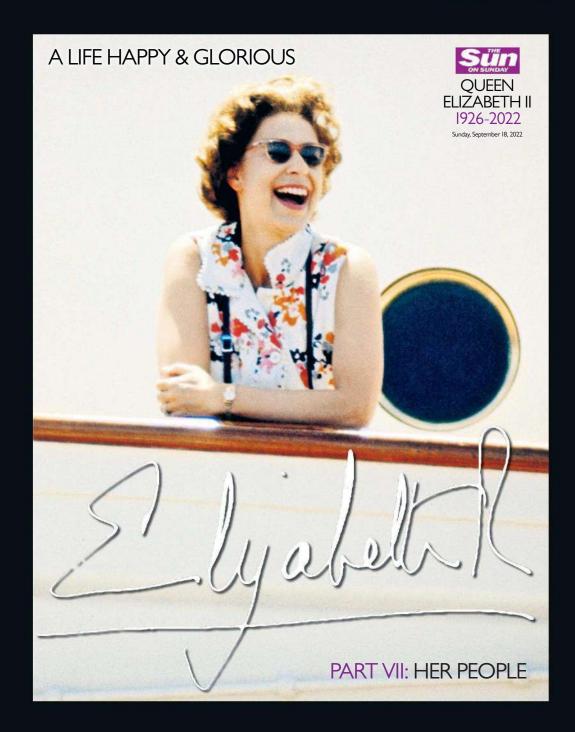
people and those with numerical ability gain satisfaction from absorbing themselves in tasks involving 'crunching numbers' such as horse wagering. They enjoy the intellectual challenge."

Writing in the Journal of Behavioral Decision Making, researcher Jani Saastamoinen said: "Horse betting has been described as an intellectual form of gambling par excellence."

He added: "Bettors use knowledge and skills to make a careful judgment of the outcome of a race and even losing bets are a source of pride as opposed to winning by pure chance." people and those with numerical

TOMORROW IN THE SUID





FREE SOUVENIR PULLOUT

PLUS UNRIVALLED COVERAGE OF THE WEEK'S HISTORIC EVENTS



WIFE . . . Luisana and Michael

I HAVE only managed to sneak a brief preview but am SO excited to get stuck into new show Minx, on Paramount+. It's set in 1970s Los Angeles

and features a somewhat serious and earnest young feminist Joyce (Ophelia Lovibond) who decides she wants to level the playing field between the sexes by creating the first erotic magazine for, by and about **WOMEN**.

I love the idea already! It looks

THIS IS GETTING ME EXCITED

funny, witty and provocative. Also featuring Jake Johnson, this show is of its time but also very timely, as such a huge proportion of the male population is so heavily invested in, and addicted, to watching porn.
There are so many reasons

why porn is damaging to men because, among other things, it

gives them wholly unrealistic expectations of sex, objectifies women, sexualises them at a young age . . . I could go on. So, while in the real world it's

not necessarily helpful to create erotic or pornographic content just for women – you gotta get behind it! Not literally . . .

For too long it's all been about satisfying men's needs Well, I hope Minx will be a lot of fun in these dark times and will help me imagine what it might be like if we could redress the

Of course, I might be imagining a whole lot of other

things while I'm watching, too . . .
Forget "Netflix and Chill".
It's gonna be Minx and Chill at



MAG-IC . . . Ophelia with Minx co-star Jake

BUBLE

MICHAEL BUBLE said in a recent interview that he would have been a much bigger star if he hadn't had children – because "you can't do both successfully".

The singer has four young children and a loyal wife, Luisana. With 75million records sold worldwide, four Grammys and countless other

and countless other awards, how much more successful do you want to be, Michael? But joking aside, what

But joking aside, what he is saying is what women have been forced to debate since the beginning of time.
Or, at least, since we began to elbow our way into the workplace.
Careers for us were, historically as rare as

historically, as rare as hens' teeth. It was always assumed we would stay at home and care for the

children.
It is only in the past few decades that for those who have yearned for something other than nappy changes and playgroups, and have been marching out to work, the whole "juggling home and work" debate has got louder and louder.

'Just a mum'

And this is still something we grapple with to this day. Women are constantly

women are constantly evaluating whether it's possible to "have it all". For what it's worth, I don't think it necessarily is. I've struggled hard trying to find a balance between my career and creating a home life that isn't compromised by my desire and my ambition to be more than

ambition to be more than "just" a mum.
Many women are happy staying at home and I wholly respect that.
Others are driven by their

career alone.
I'm pretty sure I'd have had greater success if I hadn't insisted on having

hadn't insisted on having four kids then complicat-ing life by doing so with four different men.

I have no regrets.

Nothing in life is perfect.

But it was nice to hear a man acknowledging and expressing that having it all is not possible.

The battle and exasperation of trying to

exasperation of trying to be everything to everyone is very real. So, thank you, Michael. #bemorebuble.

Lewis shows quality outweighs quantity



WELL, knock me over with a feather. Could there be a break in Leonardo DiCaprio's tradition of ensuring all his girlfriends are under 25?

So much so that he actively terminates any union once they move beyond this age.
Only recently he broke up with Camila Morrone, 25, right around the time she hit the landmark age.
The man is 47 and he does like the younger woman. But the rumour is he may have "connected" with supermodel Gigi Hadid, left, and she's positively over the hill at 27 when compared to all those who have gone before.
Leo's had plenty of other famous and not famous girlfriends, aged 18, 20, 21, 22 and 24.
I'm worried how he would cope with a woman of 27, because it feels like his rule of thumb is that, once women hit 25, they're effectively dead.
But let's face it, as he gets

effectively dead.
But let's face it, as he gets
older the age gap will get
more and more pronounced

more and more pronounced and become more and more awkward.
Of course, we do have different rules for older men dating younger women. We think it's cool and it shows he's "still got it".

But when an older woman takes a liking to a young buck, it looks sad, desperate and a

bit . . . yuck. It'd be nice if Leo would just like to try a woman over 27, in woman over 27, in order to reassure himself and the rest of the world that women don't all expire at 30. We're actually quite funny, experienced and interesting. But then again, partners that is not

YOU'VE got to love Lewis Capaldi. All of him.

of him.

As he handed Lorraine Kelly a copy of his new single, Forget Me, this week, he quipped: "Here's 7in of me."

He's funny, self-deprecating and has a voice that belies his young, innocent face. He also plastered himself on billboards to promote said single while wearing only a pair of budgle-smugglers — displaying his somewhat out-of-shape body and joking on Twitter that he was "traumatising the general public".

I have to confess, his images reminded me of the inequality in how we respond to

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I have to confess, his images reminded me of the inequality in how we respond to the physical appearance of men and women, which I rail

men and women, which I rail against.

Despite Lewis being acutely aware that his body isn't what the world expects, I do think we are, in general, much more willing to approve of larger men than we are of larger women.

Granted, over the past few years, society has been better at acknowledging women of different shapes and forms.

But remember the whole marketing and advertising malarkey which made women think that a ridiculous size zero should be our ambition, our goal?

Not to mention all the marketing which has predom

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Not to mention all the weight-loss marketing which has predominantly been targeted at women.

We've now gone several steps further and actively rejoice in women who don't conform to tiny sizes and those who are willing to show off their plentiful curves.

Many go as far as claiming it is "empowering". And I'm thrilled.

Women have been programmed to criticise their own bodies because we should have the shape that society, and in particular men, want. And "fat" ain't where it's at.

I have to actively stop myself from calling bits of myself "fat" whenever I see something wobble because, fundamentally, I know that it isn't.

I'm quite a skinny-minnie. But it has been

so ingrained in me to constantly assess my shape that unlearning all that BS takes time. And I know.

I wrote several weeks ago about how we really need to stop referring to women according to their body shapes because it keeps the narrative going that this is all we see when we look at a woman.

I don't think people mind Lewis being a bit weightier. They definitely see beyond his body because he's a bloke with a remarkable voice.

loaded.

But if we're going to criticise one gender for being large, then the same rules should apply to the other.

In the meantime, obvs, I shall enjoy every extra inch of Lewis.

For as long as he lets me.

.UVVIE JESSE'S A ROYAL PAIN

THE grief I've been feeling since the loss of our late Queen was momentarily eclipsed when I had to hear Jesse Armstrong, the creator of TV show Succession, stick his luvvie oar in while accepting an

Emmy this week.
In a very blatant dig at the fact our new King has not been democratically elected, he said there was "evidently a little bit more voting in our winning".

I'm pretty sure though, that, if the

nation voted, they would by a large majority all hail the King. I've grown increasingly bored and frustrated with stars and creatives making their political thoughts and beliefs known at

showbiz gatherings and award ceremonies.
And using these events for campaigning and drawing attention to causes.

For a start, this was an evening of entertainment. It wasn't, to my knowledge, a political debate or discussion. I

DIG . . . Armstrong

don't much care for your opinion on the monarchy, Mr Armstrong. If I did, I'd ask for it. A woman, grandmother and great-grandmother has just passed away. Many people are

mourning.

For some it may just be a tinge of sadness but for others

it is a great loss.
There is a time and a place for protests and statement-making – a time for objection and for having your opinion

This wasn't it.



PANT-ASTIC . . . Lewis poses

UKRAINE BLITZ THAT HAS RETAKEN IZYUM



A LIGHTNING assault by Ukraine that freed thousands of square miles from Russian occupation has left both sides asking if the blitz could be the tipping point in the war.

Russian stronghold of Izyulii, 29 miles beyond.

Russian troops captured Izyum after a month-long battle in March and the town became a supply hub for its devastating Donbas offensive.

As Ukraine's tanks charged through the countryside on September 6, under cover of darkness, the Russian front lines began to collapse.

Ukraine's Defence Minister, Oleksii Reznikov, said the assault was designed around long-range rocket artillery systems donated by Western allies — including British GMLRS and US HIMARS systems with a range of more than 40 miles.

Under control

The guns had opened up at least 24 hours earlier in a "softening up" operation. The attack relied on surprise and utmost

secrecy.

As the first reports
of clashes As the first reports emerged of clashes outside Kharkiv, Ukrainian officials refused to acknowledge them.

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Then, 48 hours after it started, President Zelensky revealed that 385 square miles had been liberated. By Saturday, he said the area had doubled to 770 square miles. Now Ukraine says it has captured some 2,315 square miles, an area the size of Devon, and its troops are still pushing forward. Russian troops fled in disarray, leaving countless tanks and armoured vehicles in their wake, including valuable radar.

The MoD said some Russian units retreated "in relatively good order and under control, while others fled in apparent panic".

Moscow tried to disguise the retreat as a "tactical regrouping".

But the Kremlin could not hide its worst defeat since the retreat from Kyiv in the first weeks of the war.

Ukraine's iconic blue and yellow

bloodshed and carnage to crush Ukraine's resistance.
Boris Nadezhdin, a former MP, warned Russia faced certain defeat without mass mobilisation. He said: "It is impossible to defeat Ukraine using resources Russia is fighting

Russia is not tipping point in the war.

The stunning Ukrainian counter attack caught Putin's invaders by surprise and sent thousands of terrified Russian soldiers fleeing for their lives.

For months, Ukraine's commanders had talked up a push in the south, 250 miles away from the most recent surge, where British and US long-range rockets were used to blitz bridges and ammo dumps to isolate Russian forces.

The result was Russian generals reinforced their southern front and left their northern flank exposed.

But the speed of the Russian collapse in the north has caught both sides by surprise.

President Zelensky hailed his forces' gains, saying: "We are moving in only one direction—forward and towards victory."

Ukraine's first goal with its northern onslaught was to retake the town of Balakliya, 40 miles south east of Kharkiv city, as a staging post for an attack on the Russian stronghold of Izyum, 25 miles belyond. FLASHPOINT . . . Ukraine forces fire cannon at Russian troops on Wednesday. Above right, mother and daughter reunited in recaptured Izyum

with, and with its colonial war methods, using contract soldiers, mercenaries and no mobilisation." Russia has lost an estimated 80,000 soldiers who have been killed, captured and injured or who have deserted, according to government estimates here.

But Putin's refusal to call the war a war has hamstrung attempts to mobilise reserves. The despot insists on calling his slaughter a "special military operation" which has led to increasingly desperate measures to find cannon fodder for the front.

A video emerged this week of a Russian mercenary leader Yevgeniy Prigozhin promising to quash prisoners' sentences if they volunteer to fight. He was shown in a prison yard saying: "If you serve six months, you are free." But he

added: "If you arrive in Ukraine and decide it's not for you, we will

execute you."
Some 40 elected officials in St Some 40 elected officials in St
Petersburg signed a petition after
the Kharkiv collapse urging Putin
to resign. A pundit on state TV
asked if the army was "fit for
combat". While Putin was pictured
opening a Moscow Ferris wheel
as his army beat its retreat,
pro-war blogger asked,
"What's wrong with you?"
And the President's
Chechen henchman Ramzan
Kadyrov blasted "mistakes"
by Russian generals in a
post to 2.4million followers
on social media.

The Kharkiv assault
ended months
stalemate which

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had seen Russian forces inching forward in areas where they could blast the frontlines to nothing with overwhelming artillery.

General Sir Richard Barrons, a former joint chief of the UK Armed Forces, said it was too early to tell if the push was a tipping point.

He said: "The next few weeks will be key, as we see whether Ukraine can press on or consolidate its gains."

The message from inside Ukraine is clear.

President Zelensky vowed to keep storming forward as he swooped into the bomb-blitzed rubble of liberated Izyum on Wednesday. And he shrugged off Russian threats to choke off the the

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Ukraine would always choose freedom and hardship over conquest by Moscow.

He said: "Cold, hunger, darkness and thirst are not as frightening and deadly for us as your 'friendship and brotherhood'.

"History will put everything in its place. And we will be with gas, light, water and food ... and without you!" The scale of Russia's defeat triggered warnings Putin might unleash nukes to regain the upper hand.

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Nato former Deputy Secretary General Rose Gottemoeller warned: "I fear that they will strike back now in really unpredictable ways and ways that may even involve weapons of mass destruction."

The former US diplomat warned

COULD BE THE MOMENT PUTIN RETREATS



Moscow could order a "nuclear demonstration strike, either a single strike over the Black Sea or perhaps a strike at a ulkrainian military facility in order to strike terror not only into the hearts of the Ukrainians, but also the global partners and allies of Ukraine". For frontline fighters in Ukraine, the Kharkiv blitz was a "a massive morale boost" and a reminder to the world that its troops can fight and win. "Russia is not unstoppable," one told The Sun. "We keep on showing the world we can win. We need the world to keep sending us weapons."

Britain has sent Ukraine at least six GMLRS long-range rocket systems, as well as

thousands of anti-tank, anti-air and anti-ship missiles. Defence Secretary Ben Wallace vowed to keep training troops in the UK and sending Ukraine support as long as it is needed.

Experts expect the fighting to dip in mid-October, when autumn rains will turn the ground boggy, making it harder for troops to manoeuvre.

Shorter days and freezing conditions will limit operations in winter, but General Barrons said Ukraine would be determined "to keep the fight alive". He said the ongoing battle in southern Kherson province was "strategically more important for both sides". Ukraine has used HIMARS rockets to cut a key network of bridges that connect

Russian soldiers on the west side

Russian soldiers on the west side of the Dnieper river, but progress there is much slower. General Barrons said: "Ukraine is being patient. They are isolating the Russian forces. They cannot afford to send their youth into a premature assault on Kherson. One thing we can be sure of is the war will last into next year." Nato's Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg echoed the warning and said the West should expect a long battle ahead.

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He said: "It is encouraging to see Ukrainian forces have been able to take back territory and also strike behind Russian lines. "But we need to understand this is not the beginning of the end of the war, we need to be prepared for the long haul."



Horror of invasion . . . Ukrainian troops inspect mass grave in Izyum

GRAVE IN WOOD HID 445 DEAD

By JEROME STARKEY Defence Editor

MASS grave containing at least 445 bodies was being exhumed yesterday after it was found near a

after it was found near a liberated Ukrainian city.

Witnesses counted hundreds of shallow plots plus wooden crosses staked into earth in a forest outside Izyum.

Officials said the dead were mostly civilians, among them women and children.

Forensic teams were seen carrying some of the victims away in body bags. Explosions were also heard as security forces worked to de-mine the area. If confirmed, the horrific toll would be the worst in Europe since the 1990s Balkans War.

Officials say some of the 445 graves contain more than one body.

They said one grave contained around 20 soldiers, some with their hands bound and one with a nose

They said one grave contained around 20 soldiers, some with their hands bound and one with a noose around his neck.

One police source said: "We know that some were shot dead, some died because of artillery fire, so-called mine explosion traumas.

"Some died because of air strikes. A lot have yet to be identified."

War crimes teams said torture chambers had been found across the eastern Kharkiv region.

Other victims included Sri Lankan students who had their fingernails pulled out with pliers in Vovchansk, a town 94 miles north of Izyum. The grisly finds came as Ukraine's armed forces cemented their hold on towns freed during a lightning, ten-day advance.

President Zelensky said Russia "left death behind" and vowed to hold the Kremlin responsible.

Police chief Igor Klymenko Shock... Klymenko

Shock . . . Klymenko



Grim work . . bodies taken from grave

Grim work .. bodies taken from grave torture centres including two in Balakliya, 30 miles from Izyum.

Another 50 dead civilians had been found across the liberated territory but Mr Klymenko did not elaborate further. Prosecutors have launched 204 cases probing possible war crimes committed by Russian forces over the past week.

A United Nations spokesman said investigators were racing to the scene to establish the facts.

Yesterday Ukraine launched a long-range rocket attack on the Russian HQ in the southern city of Kherson, killing at least one person. Footage from the scene showed a plume of black smoke billowing from the court of appeals building. Meanwhile, one of Russia's most prestigious units — the lst Guards Tank Army — has been nearly totally wiped out in the Kharkiv assault. British spooks said the unit had never recovered after it was hammered in the fight for Kyiv.

The MoD said its main role was the defence of Moscow, adding: "It will likely take years for Russia to rebuild this capability." jerome.starkey @the-sun.co.uk

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FLYING DISPRAY By WILL BARKER DAREDEVIL James Prest-wood loops the loop on a jet-powered flyboard. James, 38, was propelled by water from a hose at Europe's largest purpose-built marina in Southamp-ton. He was launching the city's 53rd International Boat Show yesterday.

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By JULIA ATHERLEY

MUSICIAN who bought a second-hand book he read as a child was stunned to

book he read as a child was stunned to find it was the copy he had once owned.

Tom Tolson, 49, had dreams of being a spy when was ten years old.

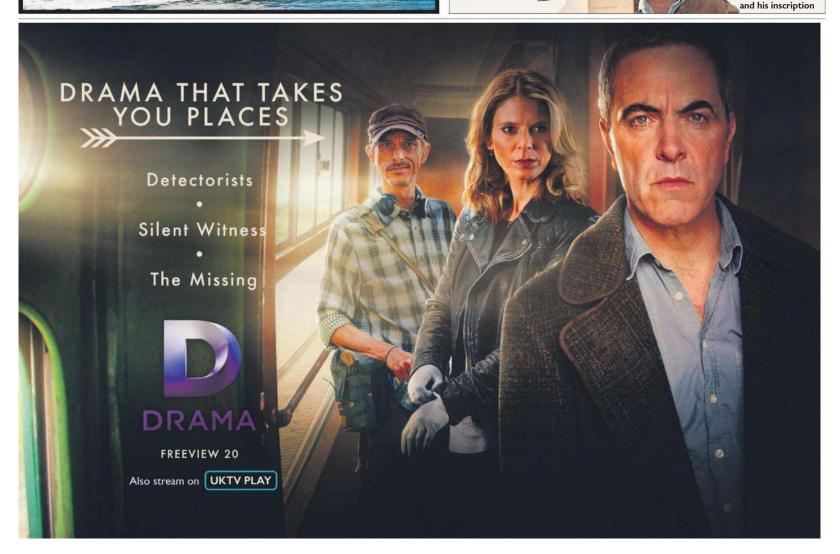
So in 1983 he ordered The Secret Agent's Handbook, by Peter Eldin, from his County Durham school's book club and when it arrived wrote the words "Top Secret" in the space given for a name.

But during a bout of nostalgia recently he searched online to see if the book was still available. He found a copy for £2.80 on Amazon—and when it arrived he found his inscription inside. Tom, now living in Nottingham, said: "It was my book, my actual book, with my writing inside. I remembered writing 'top secret' inside, and that was my handwriting. I was shocked." Tom said the book was never as useful in real life as he once hoped—but is not letting go of it this time.

He said: "As you get older, you want to cling on to past memories and this sort of thing really means a lot to mp now. I'm definitely going to keep it."

Shhhh ..l spy SECRET AGENT'S







Paralysed . . . Kris

Cop hurt in terror attack to aim high

By JAMES SOMPER

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A POLICE officer paralysed in a terror attack is to climb Snowdon in his wheelchair today.

Kris Aves, 40, is tackling the highest peak in England and Wales five years after being mown down by an SUV on Westminster Bridge.

He is raising money for Back Up, a charity for spinal cord injury victims which helped him.

The dad of two, who was in a coma for eight days after the attack, said: "Challenges are just that — challenges are just that — challenges are just that — challenges. They can be overcome."

In 2017, Kris, from Barnet, North London, was celebrating receiving a commendation from the Met when he was caught up in the terror attack.

When he woke from his coma, he was unable to use his legs.

Six people died, including attacker Khalid Massoud, who was shot dead after crashing into the Palace of Westminster.



Fireman . . fights blaze

20 pupils caught in horror bus fire

By JAMES SOMPER

TWENTY children scrambled to flee a school bus when it suddenly burst into flames and filled with smoke.

The driver was first alerted that the underside of the single-decker was ablaze by shocked motorists flashing their lights.

Video showed children as young as nine screaming and shouting as

Video showed children as young as nine screaming and shouting as smoke engulfed the bus. All students safely evacuated and firefighters put out the flames.

The bus, operated by Damory Coaches, stopped at Charlton Down near Dorchester, Dorset.

Parent Rachael Loco said: "None of them knew how to use the back exit so they had to go out of the front where they could see the smoke and fire. They were all traumatised afterwards."

Damory said of Thursday's drama: "Safety is our first priority. We are carrying out an immediate investigation."

BRITAIN'S HEAVIEST MAN TELLS

DRINK ADDICT





GRAEME CULLIFORD

BRITAIN'S heaviest man, 47st Jason Holton, was left moments from death when his vital organs began failing under the pressure of his giant frame.

of his giant frame.

The 32-year-old, who downed three litres of sugary drinks a day, suffered a series of mini strokes and a suspected blood clot as he struggled for breath at his Surrey home.

It took two hours to get him to Frimley Park hospital in a specially designed ambulance, and by that point doctors feared he might not make it through the night.

The NHS is now paying for Jason to be cared for at a private nursing home near London, where he complains his new reduced-calorie diet breaches his "human rights".

His collapse came just days before Britain's previous heaviest man, 55st Matthew Crawford, died aged 37 in June.

In an exclusive interview, Jason

37 in June.

37 in June.

In an exclusive interview, Jason said: "If I didn't call 999, I'd be dead. I couldn't breathe.

"It felt like something was blocked inside me and I was suffocating.

'It feels like they are torturing me'

"I called 999 once then called again half an hour later to say I was getting worse.

"When they finally arrived it took a couple of hours to get me out because I couldn't even stand.

"They put me on to an ambulance and took me to hospital, where one of the nurses said in front of everyone, 'Your organs are failing due to obesity'. Apparently I was close to total organ failure. They think I had a blood clot — although they could never confirm that — and a series of mini strokes. of mini strokes.

of mini strokes.
"I knew something wasn't right before because I couldn't get out of bed. I was very sleepy and I stopped being able to talk.
"They gave me tablets for the blood clot and I had to have gallons of water pumped into my body through a machine to save my kidneys.

through a machine to save my kidneys.
"I know I'm lucky to be alive but it doesn't feel that way because of the restrictions I am now under."

Jason's brush with death came after

Jason's brush with death came after Matthew Crawford, whose care cost the NHS £40,000 a month, died from sepsis and organ failure.

A small mercy was that this time Jason did not need to be winched from his home by a crane — as happened during his last collapse in October 2020.

That operation saw a team of 30 firemen and engineers carefully lower him to the ground from his 53-year-old mother Leisa's two-bedroom, third-floor flat in Camberley, Surrey.

weight of late **Matthew Crawford, Britain's former** heaviest man

number of firemen and engineers who **lowered Jason by** crane from third-floor flat

Cost of toilet in his £400,000 specially built bungalow

'I know I'm lucky to be alive but it doesn't feel that way because of the restrictions l am under now'

On that occasion he was taken to nearby Frimley Park hospital, where he was treated for lymphoedema in his groin and legs — a chronic condition that causes water retention and swelling.

When The Sun interviewed Jason in December last year he was down to

When the Sun interviewed Jason in December last year he was down to 45st, from his peak weight of 50st.

He had just moved into a custom-built £400,000 council bungalow including a specially constructed

£3,000 toilet and huge double doors so he could be removed more easily in a medical emergency.

But he now admits that his weight crept back up to 47st as he continued to eat multiple packets of crisps for breakfast and down three to four litres of sweet drinks a day.

Jason was also smoking more than 30 cigarettes a day before he suddenly became unwell on June 4.

He spent two months in hospital and has been in the nursing home since early August.

But Jason complains that carers have put him under a strict new regime where he can't drink more than 1.5 litres of any liquid in 24 hours. He moaned: "I am on a drink restriction and I keep trying to

explain to them, 'I've got my human rights and I should be able to drink what I want to'. But I'm not allowed.
"I'm so down about it. What does

"I'm so down about it. What does this say to society, that you can't drink now?

"I keep saying, 'Why can't you give me my drink back instead of making life difficult for me?'

"I told them I'll call the police because I'm constantly dehydrated.

"But they are giving me tiny amounts - 100ml at a time - which is ridiculous for someone my size.

"I am only allowed 1.5 litres a day of any kind of fluid including water. They won't even let me get fruit because it has liquid in it.

"I can't get out of bed or go anywhere. I'm in this room looking at

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was also smoking 20 Super-kings ing the day and another II when I up at night. was smoking a hell of a lot so can they say it's only to do with amount I was drinking?" Jason viously blamed his addiction to

takeaway apps for causing his weight to balloon when he was in his

twenties.

twenties.

He admits he is still spending £16 a day on Deliveroo while he is in the nursing home, which cares for people with complex needs.

His latest heatlth problems have also left him feeling vulnerable and afraid. He has vowed to finally kick the unhealthy food habit and he has already quit smoking.

He said: "I've always thought the enemy was food. But they haven't restricted my food intake here, which is ridiculous, it should be that and not drink.

"I have been ordering M&S sandwiches on Deliveroo and getting

"I have been ordering M&S sandwiches on Deliveroo and getting stuff from the café and they are OK

walls with a drink restriction. It's strange and it feels like they're

about that. But as soon as they look in the bag and see a drink they confiscate it.
"I seriously don't

"I seriously don't understand it.
"I've been eating a lot less but I'm not getting anywhere.
"I've stayed the same size so I imagine I'm still 296kg (46st 8lb).
"I stopped smoking a couple of months ago. I am determined just to have one meal a day and stop ordering on Deliveroo.
"They're trying to do physio with me here, just standing up and trying to walk forward, but it's not happening. I keep saying, 'I don't think I can

even get into a wheelchair'.

"They tell me it I shouldn't torturing me'

they tell me that I shouldn't think like that.

"I don't feel good about the future, to be honest, and I don't know whether I'll ever get to see my home again. You expect to be in a care home like this when you're in your 90s, not when you're in your 30s like me. I can't even get out of bed.

"I knew I'd get really ill eventually, given my size, but I never expected it would happen to me now. It's terrifying."

terrifying.



ALL ABOUT YOU

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HOUSEHOLDS are giving up on their ovens in

favour of cost-effective air-fryers.
The appliance, which costs as little as £25, uses less electricity as it cooks faster. It also uses far less oil than a deep-fat fryer so is healthier too.

Jenny Tschiesche, *below*, is the author of the Air-Fryer cookbook which contains 101

quick, healthy and delicious recipes. She says: "Think of an air-fryer as not only a healthier alternative to a deep-fat fryer, but also a mini oven."
NATASHA HARDING chooses seven

easy tasty recipes.

●Extracted from Air-Fryer Cookbook by Jenny Tschiesche, published by Ryland Peters & Small (£16.99). Photography by Clare Winfield.



Peanut butter & chocolate baked oats

Makes 9 squares 15p per square YOU NEED:

150g rolled oats 50g dark chocolate chips or buttons

300ml milk or plant-based milk 50g Greek or plant-based yoghurt 1tbsp runny honey or maple syrup ½ tsp ground cinnamon or ground ginger

65g smooth peanut butter

METHOD: Stir all the ingredients together in a bowl, then transfer to a baking dish that fits your air-fryer drawer.

Preheat the air-fryer to 180C/350F

Add the baking dish to the preheated air-fryer and air-fry for 10 minutes.

Remove from the air-fryer and

serve hot, cut into nine squares



Garlic & pepper pork chops

Serves 2 90p per chop YOU NEED: 2 x 250g per

2 x 250g pork chops 1 tbsp olive oil Garlic salt and freshly ground black pepper
METHOD: Preheat the air-fryer to

Rub the olive oil into each side of the chops, then season both sides with garlic salt and pepper.

Add the chops to the preheated air-fryer and air-fry for 10 minutes, turning them over after 4 minutes. Check the internal temperature of the chops has reached at least 63C/145F using a meat thermometer – if not, cook for another few minutes and then

serve.
Delicious served with buttered new potatoes, green veg and mayonnaise.



Baked feta, tomato & garlic pasta

Serves 2 90p per serving

YOU NEED:

100g feta or plant-based feta, cubed 20 cherry tomatoes

2 garlic cloves, peeled and halved 3/4 tsp oregano 1 tsp chilli flakes

½tsp garlic salt 2 than olive oil 100g cooked pasta plus about 1 tbsp of cooking water Freshly ground black pepper METHOD: Preheat the air-fryer to 200C/400F

Place the feta, tomatoes and garlic in a baking dish that will fit inside your air-fryer. Top with the oregano, chilli

flakes, garlic salt and olive oil. Place the dish in the preheated air-fryer and air-fry for 10 minutes. Remove and stir in the pasta and

cooking water. Serve sprinkled with black pepper.



Pitta pizza

Serves 2 50p per pitta

YOU NEED:

2 round pitta breads

3 thsp passata 4 tbsp grated mozzarella 1 tsp dried oregano

1 tsp olive oil Basil leaves, to serve

METHOD: Preheat the air-fryer to

200C/400F. Pop the pittas into the preheated air-fryer and air-fry for 1 minute.

Remove the pittas from the airryer and spread a layer of the passata on them, then scatter over the mozzarella, oregano and oil.

Return to the air-fryer and air-fry

for a further four minutes. Scatter over the basil leaves and serve immediately.

Breakfast muffins

Serves 4 40p per muffin

YOU NEED:

14 tsp salt

1 apple, cored and grated 40g maple syrup 40ml oil (avocado, olive or coconut), plus extra for greasing

1 egg 40ml milk (plant-based if you wish) 90g brown rice flour 50g ground almonds % tsp ground cinnamon 1/2 tsp ground cloves

1tsp baking powder Greek or plant-based yoghurt and fresh

fruit, to serve (optional)

METHOD: Preheat the air-fryer to 160C/325F. In a bowl mix the grated apple, maple syrup, oil, egg and milk. In another bowl mix the rice flour, ground almonds, cinnamon, cloves, salt

and baking powder.

Combine the wet ingredients with the dry, mixing until there are no visible patches of flour left.

patches of flour left.
Grease four ramekins and divide the
batter equally between them.
Add the ramekins to the preheated
air-fryer and air-fry for 12 minutes.
Check the muffins are cooked by
inserting a cocktail stick into the middle
of one of them. If it comes out clean, the
muffins are ready: if not cook for

muffins are ready; if not, cook for a further couple of minutes.

Allow to cool in the ramekins, then remove and serve with your choice of yoghurt and fresh fruit.

TOP TIPS

KEEP A SPRAY BOTTLE OF OIL: Although low in fat, air-frying is not completely without fat so I recommend keeping olive oil or avocado oil in a spray bottle. Spritz the foods before they go into the air-fryer, especially breaded foods as this is how you get that delicious,

golden crumb.
ADJUST THE TEMP: Throughout the book I have specified standard temperatures for

WHO AIRS WINS

Easy, tasty air-fryer recipes...for less than a quid





Honey and mustard sausages with potatoes, peppers & onions

Serves 2 90p per portion

- YOU NEED: 400g baby new potatoes 1 onion, chopped into 4 wedges 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp runny honey 1 tbsp wholegrain mustard
- 6 sausages
- 5 baby peppers, roughly chopped Salt and freshly ground black
- Fresh rosemary sprigs, to garnish
- METHOD: Preheat the air-fryer to 180C/350F. Chop any larger potatoes to 3 cm/1¼ inch in length eave any smaller potatoes whole).

Toss the potatoes and onion wedges in the oil with salt and pepper to taste.

pepper to taste.
Add the potatoes and onion
wedges to the preheated air-fryer
and air-fry for ten minutes.
Meanwhile, mix together the
honey and mustard, then toss the

sausages in the honey-mustard mixture until evenly covered. Add these to the air-fryer and cook for a further six minutes.

Toss the food in the air-fryer and

add the peppers, stir everything well and air-fry for a further seven minutes.

Tip on to a serving platter, garnish with fresh rosemary sprigs if you wish, and serve.



Soft-boiled eggs

Serves 2 20p per egg YOU NEED:

Two eggs Asparagus spears (optional) Two slices of toast (optional) METHOD: Preheat air-fryer to 180C/350F. Add the eggs to the preheated air-fryer and air-fry for 6 minutes. Remove and leave to stand for 1 minute, then knock the tops off the eggs and serve.

recipes, but some air-fryers have quirky settings. Just use the closest setting to that specified in the recipe that your air-fryer has. ALLOW FOR SPACE: Space food out in your air-fryer to allow even baking. Air has to flow around the food in order for it to become crunchy and/or caramelised.

WASH AFTER EVERY USE: Remember to clean your air-fryer after every use, but allow it to cool before doing so. This way you are less likely to cause damage to the lining of

the air-fryer drawer.
REHEAT TO EAT: Don't forget that the air-fryer is not only to be used for cook-ing new dishes. It can be used to reheat things you've already made or items of food from your freezer. It's invaluable as a reheating tool in a family kitchen.

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No matter what the issue, I answer every single problem



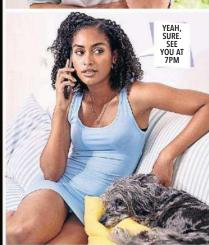
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Sex with ex but she won't take me back

Dear Deidre

MY ex denies that we're a couple again - yet we sleep together every time we see each other.

She says she's never coming back to me. I'm so confused.

I am 34 and she is 30. We have a six-year-old son and were together for eight years until last spring.

That's when she found out I had got drunk and had a onenight stand with a girl at work. She told me it was over and threw me out.

However much I begged, she

threw me out.

However much I begged, she said she wouldn't give me a second chance.

But she agreed that I was a good dad and would still be able to see our son regularly.

Once I'd got settled into my own place up the road, he started to stay with me three nights a week. She was frosty at

HERE TO HELP YOU



first but after a few weeks, when I dropped him back, she invited me in for a coffee.

We ended up reminiscing and all the old feelings returned.

Before I knew it, we were

having sex. Afterwards, she said it could never happen again.

But it has kept happening — and it's not me driving it, it's her. Every time I see her, we end up in bed.

The sex is out of this world but it isn't just physical. We have a laugh and can talk too.

We are so good together. And it makes my boy so happy to see me there in the mornings.

So, I don't understand why she says we can't be a proper family again.

family again. When I s When I suggest giving our relationship another go, she says she can't because her friends and family have told her I'm

and family have told her I'm bad news.

She feels she can't trust me and won't risk being hurt again.

We both miss each other, so it feels like she's cutting off her nose to spite her face.

Or is she just using me for sex, or nostalgia?

It's messing with my head and I don't know what to do. I think

that if I stay in her life, maybe one day she'll take me back.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: She clearly still

■DEIDRE SAYS: She clearly still has strong feelings for you but she is confused, too.

Instead of falling into bed next time you take your son back, you need to sit and talk to her calmly. First, you need to be honest with yourself about why you cheated, so you can be certain it will never happen again.

Gatting drunk is not a good.

so you cain be certain it will never happen again.

Getting drunk is not a good enough excuse. If there were problems, you need to fix them.

Take sex off the agenda, and show your commitment by suggesting you have relationship counselling together to help you work through what happened.

Find support through Tavistock Relationships (020 7380 1960, tavistockrelationships.org).

My support pack on Counselling will tell you more about this.

Make it clear you want to bring up

Make it clear you want to bring up your son in a strong family unit and won't do anything to hurt him again.

Need help with a dilemma or want to know more about how we can help? ONLINE: thesun.co.uk/deidre. Follow and message us on: INSTAGRAM dear.deidre; TWITTER @DearDeidre; FACEBOOK @DearDeidreOfficia

Dear Deidre

THE cost-of-living crisis has ruined my wedding plans, and I'm gutted.

plans, and I'm gutted.
My fiancé and I work hard
and are careful with money,
but at the end of the month
we have nothing left to
save. So we can't afford
even a modest registry

office ceremony.
I'm 30, he is 32 and we've been together four years.
Life feels such a struggle.

Life feels such a struggle. We can't afford nights out, takeaways or holidays. We buy our food at cheap supermarkets and look for bargains. Our greatest indulgence is a £5 bottle of wine on a Friday night. I wonder if we'll ever be able to afford to have kids. During the pandemic the one thing we were looking

one thing we were looking forward to was getting married – a celebration with our family and friends.

But the rise in utility bills,

rent and everything else has ruined that too. There's

nas ruined that too. There's no way we can afford a party or a wedding dress. I know I'm lucky – I have a lovely fiancé, home and a job – but I can't stop crying.

DEIDRE SAYS: So many
hardworking decent people
are stretched to their limits

are stretched to their limits at the moment. No, it isn't fair. And it's cruel that you can't afford to have a wedding. Perhaps there are things you haven't thought of, which will allow you to put some money aside. Check with Turn2us to see if you are entitled to any benefits (turn2us.oro.uk.

see in you are entitled to an benefits (turn2us.org.uk, 0808 802 2000).

The Sun's Money pages have savvy shopping tips (thesun.co.uk/money).

Sell unwanted bric-a-

brac or clothes on sites like
Vinted or eBay. You could
also hire a wedding dress.
Your wedding will be wonderful, regardless, because you'll be with the people you love.

Dear Deidre

AFTER years of trying to make my children love and

respect me, I feel it's time to throw in the towel and cut all ties with them. Painful as it is to accept, my two sons don't like me. I'm now 54 and they are 29 and 27.

I'll admit I wasn't the greatest dad. I was often absent, I cheated on their mother and I drank.

But I have since turned my life around. I've repeat-edly apologised for my behaviour and tried to

make amends.
They don't make any effort, and just use me for money.
I feel I would be happier

I feél I would be happier breaking off contact with my sons and concentrating on my new, happier life with my partner, instead of constantly feeling used and rejected.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: I can't give you permission to break contact – it needs to be your decision.

Breaking contact may give you the space and

time you all need to heal.
But they will always be
your children.
If you do decide to walk
away, apologise one last
time and explain you
would love to hear from
them if they ever feel
ready to give you another
chance. That way, there
would still be a chance of
reconciliation. Make it
clear you are open to this.
You can get support

You can get support from Stand Alone (standalone.org.uk).
It supports people estranged from family.

TEENAGE

HOW soon is too soon to tell someone you love them? I've been dating my boyfriend for six months – it's my first serious relationship – and I've fallen for him hard. I'm 17 and he's 19. When we're together, everything

we're together, everything feels so natural, and I get this warm glow inside. I can feel the words "I love you" on the tip of my tongue, but I'm terrified that if I say

them, he might be scared off.

DEIDRE SAYS: It's very possible he feels the same

and is also too nervous to say those three little words. Declaring your love is always a risk, but somebody has to be brave and go first.

Try having a general conversation about your feelings and see how he

responds.
You could say you are starting to fall in love but are worried it's too soon.
His reaction should let you know when we took

know where you stand.

Dear Deidre

WHILE everyone else spent while everyone else spent the summer in shorts, I cover up because I have a hideous keloid scar on my leg. The scar is big, red and raised, It formed after I had

raised. It formed after I had an accident on my bike. I'm an 18-year-old lad, and it's also stopping me from getting a girlfriend because it makes me feel so ugly. I can't bear to look at it, and I don't want anyone else to see it either.

DEIDRE SAYS: You're self-conscious about your scar

■ DEIDRE SAVS: You're self-conscious about your scar but when other people look at you, they'll see the whole person, not just one blemish. Try to focus on your good points and if anyone notices the scar, tell them about the accident you had

accident you had.

My support pack Raising
Self-Esteem should help you
build more positive feelings about vourself.

THANK YOU FOR ... HELPING **US REBUILD RELATIONSHIP**

Dear Deidre

WHEN I found out my childhood sweet-

WHEN I found out my childnood sweet-heart was a love cheat, my life fell apart. It felt like the trust we'd shared for 30 years was gone for ever. But thanks to you, Deidre, I am finally getting my relationship back on track. I'm 46 and my husband is 47. We met at 14 and have been married for 25 years

met at 14 and have been married for 25 years.

A mutual friend died recently, which led to a frank conversation about the past.

He admitted he'd slept with a girl when he was 17 convertibles bed

He admitted he'd slept with a girl when he was 17 - something he'd always denied.

It made me doubt everything. I figured that if he could lie about this for

three decades, what else had he lied about? He said he was just an immature kid back then. But I couldn't get over it. I even moved

into the spare room You reassured me that one indiscretion didn't mean he had cheated since, and we could rebuild trust.

You sent me your Looking After Your Relationship support pack and recommended couples counselling. The counselling sessions helped us to open up and we're becoming stronger than ever. Thank you.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: Sometimes, doing counselling can really help a couple to talk frankly and productively.

I'm so glad you're repairing your relationship.

Dear Deidre

NOW that she's gone, I realise that I didn't show my ex-girlfriend enough love or affection.

I would do anything to win her back, but she says even though she still cares for me, that her head is

telling her to move on.
I'm 27 and she's 25. We were together for five years and lived together for the last three.
She moved out last

month because she says I took her for granted and made her feel unloved

and unattractive.
I realise I probably didn't hug or kiss her enough, or tell her how much I loved

tell her how much I loved her, because I was scared of rejection after being hurt in the past.

Now I've lost the best thing in my life. I'm gutted.

How can I change her mind and show her what she means to me?

she means to me?

■ DEIDRE SAYS: We all

learn from our mistakes. But it's likely your girlfriend thought long and hard about her decision to leave, so it may be too late to change her mind.

ner mind.
Still, if you love her, it's worth a shot.
Write a message explaining exactly how you feel and asking if you can talk. If things don't work out, my support pack, Moving On, should help you.

PAGES OF PUZZLES

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MINDBENDER

title of a film franchise

Can you work out the title of the franchise? Answer tomorrow.

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For how to enter see details on the following page.

MINI ANAGRAM Correctly solve the anagrams (there may be more than one option) to fill in the grid

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the BIG quizword

SUNDIAL

SEE how many words of four or

more letters you can "dial" using the one at the centre in

each word.

You can make at least one word using all of them. Don't use the letters more than once in any word.

No proper names or plurals. Words from Collins Concise Dictionary.

BRILLIANT: 15. EXCELLENT: 13. GOOD: 9. GREAT SCORE FOR

KIDS: 9.

YESTERDAY: Deep, deer, dell, deplore, doer, dole, dope, elder, elope, eloped, erode, leer, leper, lode, lope, loped, lopped, lopped, lopper, lore, older, peel, peer, peer, people, peopled, pole, poled, polled, pope, pore, pored, prep, propel, redo, reed, reel, repel, rode, role, rolled, rope, roped, PROPELLED.

Check today's answers by calling

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below are all famous actors called Robert,

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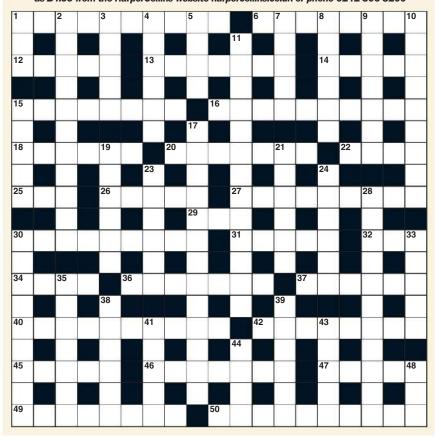
- 1 Decorative items (6,4)
- 6 Drink similar to egg-nog (8)
- 12 Lord associated with Greek marbles (5)
- 13 Town north of Oxford (7)
- 14 One of the Balearic Islands (5)
- 15 Country bordered by Turkey, Romania and Macedonia (8)
- 16 Military assistant (4-2-4)
- 18 French cook who gave his name to a cheesy sauce (6)
- Knight of Arthurian legend (7)
- 22 Fourth planet from the Sun (4)
- 25 Biblical mother of Cain (3)
- 26 Site of the 1988 summer Olympic Games (5)
- 27 Chinese philosopher, 551-479BC (9)
- 29 First head of state of the People's Republic
- 30 Japanese electronics manufacturer (9)
- 31 US state north-east of Vermont (5)
- 32 1960s/70s Hillman car (3)
- 34 Old Testament garden (4)
- 36 Popular white rum brand (7)
- 37 Surname of University Challenge host Jeremy (6)
- 1215 bill of rights 'signed' by King John (5,5)
- 42 Stately home in West Sussex (8)
- 45 Cloth originally produced in Scotland (5)
- 46 16th-century pope who reformed the calendar (7)
- 47 British international rugby players (5)
- 49 Picturesque Devon village (8)
- 50 Gloucestershire racecourse town (10)

- 1 Honours system award (inits)(3)
- 2 Large blood vessel in the neck (7,4)
- 3 South Pacific Commonwealth country (5)
- 4 City at the mouth of the Liffey (6)
- 5 Film company whose symbol was a large gong (4)
- 7 Bodie's partner in The Professionals (5)
- 8 First name of 18th-century writer Goldsmith (6)
- 9 Character who says 'Open, Sesame!' (3.4)
- 10 Usually silent Cistercian monks (9)
- 11 Show with singing, dancing and a simple plot (7.6)
- 15 Dome-shaped ice-cream dessert (5)
- 17 One of the Beatles (4,9)
- 19 Birthplace of Francis, patron saint of animals (6)
- 21 Informal name for the BBC (6)
- Transparent layer at the front of the eye (6) 23
- 24 Archimedes' cry of discovery (6)
- 28 Author of The Sea, The Sea (4.7)
- Type of tyre invented by John Dunlop (9)
- 33 Puppet Judy's husband (5)
- 16th-century Spanish painter (2,5)
- 38 First name of 1960s Eurovision winner Ms Shaw (6)
- 39 Surname of Gertrude, influential British garden designer (6)
- 41 Spin-off from Buffy The Vampire Slayer with David Boreanaz (5)
- 43 The Importance Of Being Earnest author (5)
- 44 AA Milne's bear (4)
- 48 Bar pianist in Casablanca (3)

Answers tomorrow.

Check today's answers before midnight by calling 0905 757 0158 for Across and 0905 757 0159 for Down. Calls cost £1 per minute plus your telephone company's network access charge.

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The three words in each set can be followed by the same word to make three phrases. The two added words make the

Vanilla, Dry, Sheet Bronze, Middle, Space

PATHFINDER Beginning with the letter T in the shaded square t in the shaded square below, follow a continuous path in the grid to find 16 words and names relating to Love Your Garden. The trail passes through each and every letter once, and may twist up, down or sideways, but never diagonally. letter once, diagonally.

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sun puzzies

We've got all your favourite brain teasers

EACH clue leads to a well-known name. Put the initials or stated letters in the appropriate squares to identify a comedian:

Singer of Begin The Beguine and former Real Madrid goalkeeper

Comedian, potter and actor Johnny, real name Michael Pennington (first and second letters of surname)

Mystique in the original X-Men trilogy from 2000-2006

Brazilian fighter widely regarded as the greatest female mixed martial artist of all time

▼Yesterday: Weather Presenter BILL GILES (Lisa Lopes, (Allen) Iverson, Bernard Ingham, Eva Gabor, Stan Lee). Another Name Game in The Sun tomorrow.

■ If you can't wait until tomorrow for the answers, just call 0901 293 6298

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Two sets of clues but the answers are the same

She won the Best Supporting Actress Oscar in 2012 for her role in The Help

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ACROSS

- 1 Ms Zellweger's first name (5)
- 6 Dev , British actor (5)
- 7 Early 2000s TV spy series starring Jennifer Garner (5) 9 Type of monster found on Sesame
- Street (6) Brenda Blethyn crime series (4)
- 12 Moaning ghost in the Harry Potter
- films (6) 15 Princess in The Sleeping Beauty (6)
- Marcus , MasterChef: The 17
- Professionals judge (7) 18 Surname of Victoria star Jenna (7) James ___, Barbra Streisand's
- husband (6)
- Garfield, Spider-Man actor (6)
- 26 Feline musical (4)
- 2017 horror movie starring Jennifer 27
- 29 Tom ___, diving champion (5)
- Surname of Duran Duran's vocalist (2,3)

If BR is Bohemian Rhapsody, what are

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2. STL

3. RGG

4. WATC

5. DSMN

31 Academy Award (5)

INITIALS

these other Queen songs?

- Is A Dancer hit for Snap! (6)
- 2013 animated film featuring the voice of Beyonce (4)
- 3 Victoria and David's surname (7)
- 4 Gladiator and Women In Love actor (6.4)
- Oldest of the Bee Gee Gibb brothers (5)
- 8 Chervl and Liam Payne's first
- child (4) 10 Billy ____, singer of Caribbean Queen (5)
- 13 The Seven ___ Itch, Marilyn Monroe
- 1983 film starring Albert Finney and Tom Courtenay (3,7)
- 16 Gaynor ____, formerly Megan Macey in Emmerdale (4)
- classic (7) Surname of Gavin & Stacey star
- Robert _ , Hart To Hart actor (6)

UNSCRAMBLE

Unscramble these anagrams to spell out six Premier League football teams

28 Jean ___, French actor (4)

1. OVER NET

2. A LOST ANVIL

4. ELDEST DUE IN

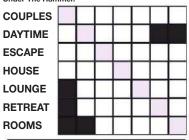
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5. BURN OUT HOME

6. ALLEY CAT SCRAP

SUNRISER

Place these words in the horizontal rows so that the letters in the diagonal staircase spell out another word associated with TV's Homes Under The Hammer



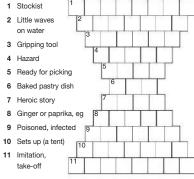
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BRICKWORK

Answer each clue so that every word contains the



- 19 August: County, Julia Roberts
- Brick In The Wall, Pink Floyd
- Surname of Olympic distance runner

Ten letters given a number from 1 to 10. Break the code to complete

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MINI CODE



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3 & 4

ACROSS

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Check today's answers before midnight by calling 0905 757 0150 for Across and 0905 757 0151 for Down. Calls cost £1 per minute plus your telephone company's network access charge.

Cryptic clues

- 1 Region in Villareal (4)
- 4 Stunt belonging to that woman's plumes (8)8 Plantagenet inside released war dogs (6)
- 9 Cricket side into beer to declare (6)
- 10 Terribly cruel MP brought in died, collapsed (8)
- 12 Message Boris's school sent over (4) 13 Minor dictionary contains Scandinavian (6)
- 15 Dianne when drunk is a different woman (6) 17 Some go slowly in the capital (4)
- 19 Communist annoyed relief provider (3,5)
- 9 21 Pressing desire to be given books (6)
 - 22 Excellent, so knight saves student girl (6)
- Ш 23 Bloke given diamonds in contract Q
 - dictated (8)

24 Good old metal Midas loved (4)

BRAINBOXER

It had been a busy week at Kev's tattoo shop, 14 designs included a clock face, 11 a rose and 8 a lion. Of these, 5 included both a clock face and a lion, 7 had a clock face and a rose, 3 had a lion and a rose - 2 customers had requested all three items. There were also 6 clients who had none of them. How many designs did Kev create in total?

Answer tomorrow.

Coffee time

ACROSS

- 1 Neighbourhood (4)
 4 Plumage (8)
 8 Scissorhands, e.g. (6)
 9 Assert without proof (6)
- 10 Crushed as paper (8)
- 12 Distinction (4)
 13 Like Swedes and Danes (6)
- 15 Female name (6)
- 17 Norwegian city (4)
 19 Humanitarian
 organisation (3,5)

- 21 Compelling (6)
- 22 Pop singer Moyet (6)23 Firmly requested (8)24 First-place medal (4)
- DOWN
- 2 Equestrian (5) 3 Frightened (7) 4 Fleeting craze (3)
- 5 Forsaken (9)
- Abducted Spartan beauty (5)
- Socially aware (5,2)
- 11 Slashed (9)
- 14 Witness (7) 16 Sweetheart (7) 18 Sung drama (5) 20 Pub perch (5)
- DOWN 22 Assistance (3)
- 2 Horsewoman free here in middle (5) 3 Lear, mad, terribly worried (7)
- 4 Trend to lose freshness mostly (3) 5 Deserted by sailor and done in (9)
- 6 Chicken fattened by the French
- woman (5) 7 Socially relevant, clever and
- working to oust leader (5,2) 11 Torn fabric valued (9)14 Spectate: old boy to start tennis
- game? (7)
- 16 Aussie banker in love (7)
 18 Entertainment round piano with
- English artist (5) 20 Steve, forgetting woman, raised
- toilet seat (5)
- 22 Dry run cancelled: help needed (3)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: 8 Dil-emma, 9 Obese, 10 L-oren, 11 Neptune, 12 Sand-pip-er, 14 Sea (see), 16 D-ot, 17 Embellish, 19 Hot-head, 21 Swill, 22 As-pic, 23 Em-irate.

DOWN: 1 Idolised, 2 Clarinet, 3 Amen, 4 Cat-nip, 5 Corporal, 6 Menu, 7 Here, 13 Presenc-e, 14 Scim-it-ar, 15 A-chill-es, 18 Badger, 19 H-e-at, 20 Tap-e, 21 S-kip

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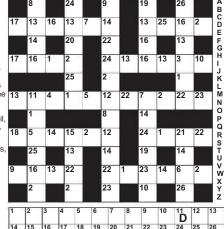
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Lax, Nude, Fuzz, Possessed,
Squeamish, Woof, File, Jet,
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Skill, Swat, Deny.

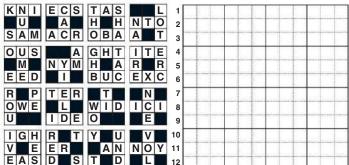
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PIECEWORD

With the help of the Across clues only, can you fit the pieces into their correct positions in the grid? See next page for solution.



ACROSS

- 1 Great happiness
- 2 Irritate 3 Circus gymnast
- 4 Arousing sorrow
- 5 Bereaved man 6 Go above (a limit)

10 Less baggy

12 Resort beach

11 Frostier

- 7 Chess piece 8 Opposite-meaning
- word 9 Aniseed-flavoured SUNWORD to 64343 liqueur
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3 pages of puzzles

ARROWORD

Complete the puzzle and rearrange the letters in the shaded squares to spell out a Scottish TV host (5,6).



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-						Counter	- *		*
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Minidoku

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Unscramble 1. Everton 2. Aston Villa 2. Southenness

Initials

1. Killer Queen

2. Somebody To Love

3. Radio Ga Ga

4. We Are The Champio

5. Don't Stop Me Now

6. Crazy Little Thing

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ARIES March 21 - April 20

The more outrageous Aries, and the adventurous one, may feel too hot to handle as Mars and the moon match up. But as long as you stay true to what you know is right, you can make this planet power work for you. In love, passion rises so fast to mega-hot, and tonight can be the night of your life.



TAURUS April 21 - May 21

Saturn's sensible approach is welcome in your money sector as you may have been wrestling with cash choices for too long. Staying detached, with a calm eye, can let the best solution leap out at you – from a page or professional lips. If creative ideas feel blocked, be patient, try not to force them. They'll be back.



GEMINI May 22 - June 21

You show your wilder side and potential and actual partners find irresistible. This can bring you to an unexpected passion crossroads. Someone who works every Saturday can be your best love option. Keeping your nerve in a travel scenario can reassure a group. But make sure all options are covered.



CANCER June 22 – July 22

The more you try to talk about your deepest feelings, the harder it seems to get and taking an all-or-nothing approach may be why. When you allow yourself to show love little and often, without expecting anything in return, you can get into a new groove. Yes, this applies to passion, but also to family and friendships.



LEO July 23 - August 23

You may be waiting for a signal from a friend that things are OK but the same person may seek a signal from you. If you swallow your pride and reach out first, so much can change including your own opinion of your strengths. In love? Venus sets a shared challenge around loyalty – and you'll pass so easily.



VIRGO August 24 - September 22

If everyone seems to think you are aiming too high, in love or in career, today you can prove them wrong as your unique approach can get results. Sticking to your personal beliefs is the key. Your own sign shines bright and brings a set of identity challenges up to date. Luck links to honeycomb shapes.



LIBRA September 23 - October 23

Agreeing to one journey while secretly longing for a different one is not the right approach for a heart as honest as yours. Today planets help you be upfront about this. What starts as a fun "S" fliration can have a deep passion impact by tonight. If attached, a shared touch can say more than words.



Scorpio October 24 – November 22

A couple who have recently had an unusual wedding or other celebration can be your link to extra luck today. And planning ur own special event can leap suddenly forward when you ask for some help. Passion is changing fast – and when you commit to changing with it, you double the happiness factor.



AGITTARIUS November 23 - December 21

As the moon and Mars test different elements of your partnership style, some may be surprised by what you do or say. With Neptune bringing family feelings to the surface, past and present may look similar. But you'll stay in charge. Luck mixes blue and green.



PRICORN December 22 - January 20

You may have been putting forward the same cash suggestions for some time, but today they can start to get understood and put into practice. Stay on top of your facts and figures. In love, Venus opens up new horizons and both partners see them at the same time. Single? A musical Virgo changes that.



AQUARIUS January 21 - February 18

Your unique ideas to make life better at home and at work are ready to move to the next stage. The positive chart reach of Saturn in your own sign can make this happen. But beware of chopping and changing, choose one path, or one person, and commit to it. Luck links to a five-year, or person, celebration.



ISCES February 19 - March 20

Leaving big decisions to others can stop when you step up and claim what is yours. From time, to respect, to romance – past problems won't repeat themselves. Teamwork is a vital part of your weekend, even if you don't feel co-operative at first. Fake it till you make it, as group support can be all you need.

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GOOD WEEK

NICK Wilkinson, the boss of DUNELM, who shrugged off retail gloom with robust trading and a rise in profits.



BAD WEEK

COLIN McKinlay, chief of CENTER PARCS, for ham-fisted decision to kick guests out during the Queen's funeral.





By ASHLEY ARMSTRONG

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Recession pick-me-up's price rise



THE gloss has come off one of the quirky side-effects of an economic slump — a boom

an economic slump — a boom in buying lipstick.

In difficult times lippy sales usually rise as shoppers turn to affordable pick-me-ups — a phenomenon called the lipstick effect. But analysis by The Sun shows that prices have jumped in the past year. Budget brands have gone up the most, with Rimmel's Lasting Finish lipstick up 85 per cent to £5.99 in a year. Revlon's Super Lustrous Matte has doubled in price from £4.99 to £8.99. Chanel's Rouge Coco has risen from £33 to £35 while Kylie Jenner's Lip Kits (pictured left) increased from £26 to £28. Lipsticks are now at their highest price in five per cent, but sales are 2 per cent higher, said Matthew Maxwell at Kantar. Cosmetic companies are facing increases in costs from higher palm oil, packaging and transport prices.

WINE RETURN NAKED WINES has brought back its

NAKED WINES has brought back its founder and ex-boss to advise the business after a rollercoaster week. The online wine retailer's shares sank by two-fifths after a director quit after just three weeks and it warned it would have to change strategy to protect profits.

Rowan Gormley, who became a multi-millionaire from floating the company, will have an unpaid role.

BID REJECTED

ONLINE firm MYSALE has rejec-ONLINE firm MYSALE has rejected a £l4million takeover attempt by Mike Ashley's Frasers Group The fashion marketplace's shareholders include retail heavyweights Sir Philip Green, Boohoo founder Mahmud Kamani and ex-Jaeger boss Harold Tillman.

MySale's boss and founder, Carl Jackson, has quit as he reckoned they should accept the bid.

WEEKLY SHARE PERFORMANCE

21st Century Fox Inc A	2931 ¾	_	87 1/4
21st Century Fox Inc B	2727	-	69
Anglo American*	2818 1/2	-	108
Assco Br Foods	1324 1/2	-	30 ½
AstraZeneca	10122	-	378
Aviva*	440	-	3
BAE Svs	764 3/4	-	19 1/2
BAT	3450 1/2	-	38 1/2
BP*	452	+	1 1/4
BT Group	139	-	1
Barclays*		+	2 1/4
Barratt		+	6 3/4
Bco Santander	228 3/4	+	9 1/2
British Land	410	-	4
Bunzl	2737	-	162
Burberry Grp		+	12 1/2
Carnival	812	+	30 3/4
Compass		-	25
Currys plc*		_	1 1/4
Diageo*		_	52
Drax Group*	690 %	-	59
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Experian		-	69
Ferguson		_	345
FirstGroup	125	+	4 1/2
Frasers Group	786		26
GSK*		-	27
Greggs*		-	28
HSBC*	529 1/2	+	4 1/5
IAG			5
IMI*		-	26
ITV		-	1
Imperial Brands*	1910 1/2	-	42
Intercont Htls*	4670	_	123
Johnson M		_	24
Kingfisher		+	5
Legal&Gen*			1/4
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Pennon	-	36 ½
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Prudential*957 ½	-	3 ¾
Rank74 ½	-	5 1/4
Reckitt6260	-	308
Rentokil Itl519	-	33 ½
Rio Tinto*4785 ½	-	74 1/2
Rolls-Royce	-	2 ½
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Sainsbury202 ¾		-
Segro*883 ¼	-	47
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Stand Chart*602	-	12
TUI136 ¾	-	1 1/4
Tesco231 1/2	-	8 1/4
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By ROSIE MURRAY-WEST

SURGING prices for new and used motors, factory delays and rising interest rates on loans are pushing the country to the brink of a car crisis.

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Now experts fear that many will fall behind on loan repayments because of the cost-of-living squeeze.

The price of used cars has risen for 29 consecutive months, with them now costing on average 30 per cent more than before the pandemic.

A second-hand Peugeot 107, for example, now costs on average \$23,652, up from £2,550 a year ago, according to Auto Trader.

Meanwhile, prices for new cars have risen 26 per cent, with manufacturing delays leading to long waiting lists.

There's a wait of 41 weeks for a new VW Golf or 36 weeks for a Nissan Micra, reports motor trader carwow.co.uk.

Interest rate rises are pushing up costs further for huvers who

trader carwow.co.uk.

Interest rate rises are pushing up costs further for buyers who are reliant on finance.

Adrian Dally, of the Finance & Leasing Association, says: "There is a cost-of-living crisis and ultimately there will be people who run into difficulty."

SOARING PRICES MEAN BIGGER DEBTS

BIGGER DEBTS
BUYERS are already taking on larger loans in order to secure the vehicles they need.

The average used car loan has increased from £7,500 two years ago to £8,700 now.

Lucy Sherliker, of lender Zuto says: "Customers are borrowing on average £1,200 more than they were two years ago."

She added that many people are opting for second-hand cars rather than waiting for new ones, pushing up prices and increasing the amount of money being borrowed.

Interest rates on car loans have already begun to creep up, so new borrowers are having to pay more, and Adrian Dally says this is likely to continue.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE STRUGGLING WITH PAYMENTS

STRUGGLING WITH PAYMENTS

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NINE out of ten new cars in the
UK are bought using finance,
while more than four in ten
used car buyers take out loans.
It means many drivers have
ongoing monthly costs, and debt
counsellor Sara Williams,
founder of support website Debt
Camel, says many are finding
the payments "hard to manage".
One option, she says, is to
hand back the car – known as
"voluntary termination".
But even if you do, you may
still owe money if you've repaid
less than half the loan.
And if you miss repayments,
your car can be repossessed.
Sara suggests speaking to a

your car can be repossessed.

Sara suggests speaking to a debt counsellor if you are struggling, especially if you depend on your car for work, mobility or caring responsibilities.

She says in some cases you might be better off agreeing to a payment plan on credit cards or other unsecured debts to help you afford your car loan repayments and keep your vehicle.

Sue Anderson, at debt charity StepChange, says that your rights will vary when struggling with car finance payments, depending on the type of loan you have. When you buy a car through hire purchase, it belongs to the lender until you have made all the agreed payments.

She says "This means you're

the agreed payments.
She says: "This means you're

not allowed to sell it. You should contact your lender as soon as possible to let them know you're having difficulty paying, as you may be able to arrange a payment holiday, or negotiate a more affordable payment plan."

If you have a good credit rating, you may be able to buy a used car with an interest-free credit card and pay in instalments before the rate rises.

If a dealer lets you buy with a credit card, you could claim against the lender if the car turns out to be faulty.

This could be useful if the dealer goes bust or refuses to take responsibility.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR

Average used

car costs

more than before

the pandemic

WHAT'S NEXT FOR CAR PRICES?
THERE is little prospect of respite from rising car costs, as demand for used and new demand for used and new motors still outstrips supply. The average price of a used

Average car

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compared to £7,500 in 2020

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car in August was £17,039, and Auto Trader's director of data, Richard Walker, says there is no sign of a slowdown.

Even though there is a cost-of-living crisis, over three quarters of people who responded to a recent Auto Trader survey said their car purchase was a necessity, rather than a luxury, suggesting that demand is unlikely to drop.

But there is some light at the end of the tunnel — the number of cars built in the UK has risen for the third consecutive month.

of cars built in the UK has risen for the third consecutive month. But competition among buyers for second-hand cars is expected to remain strong, meaning used car prices are likely to stay high. Walker says: "We remain confident of continued consumer demand. Coupled with ongoing supply challenges in both the new and used car market [mean that] prices will remain strong for the foreseeable future."

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The market is iust bonkers'

WEDDING photographer Amber Leach relies on her car to get to enues across the country with all

venues across the country with all her equipment. The 40-year-old lives in Plymouth with husband Jesse, 36, a life coach, and children Ruah, two, Thomas, nine, and Libby, 13. For Amber, leasing a car through her photography husbes. Liberty

her photography business, Liberty Pearl, was the obvious solution –

Pearl, was the obvious solution – and she managed to close the deal on a three-year deal just in time, before prices rocketed.

She says: "This has been my third lease car, because I need a very reliable vehicle to get to weddings all around the country. I also need it to be very smart because I drive brides and grooms to locations."

"We started looking in January, but there was a real shortage of brand-new cars because of Covid. We couldn't get a second-hand one because you can't lease these through a business. We were looking for months."

Tried to extend lease

Eventually she tracked down a deal on a new electric Hyundai Tucson, which had already been loaded on to a ship for delivery, but the buyer had cancelled his order at the last minute.

Amber was able to secure a three-

year lease on it.

year lease on it. But when the car arrived four weeks later, she tried to extend the lease to five years. That's when she found out that prices had rocketed. She says: "I was told if I got a new deal with a five-year lease, it would cost me £100 more every month for the same car, because it had gone up by so much in that time. "So we stuck with the deal we already had."

already had.

She pays £360 a month for the ar, plus VAT, and said: "An extra 100 would have been a significant

"The car market is just bonkers at the moment."

AVVY BUY . . . Amber bagged three-year ease on car before

FUEL BILL WORRIES . . . Vicky and Chris

'We want electric car but cannot afford it'

WITH four children to ferry around, Vicky and Chris Saynor looked at replacing their diesel Land Rover Discovery with an electric car to cut back on their fuel

car to cut back on their fuel costs – but can't afford the asking price.

The couple, both 46, of Cottered, Herts, together run holiday cottage rentals through their company Bethnal & Bec, and live with children Poppy, 17, Felix, 14, Mylo, 12, and Willow, one.

Vicky says of her current vehicle: "it's a real gasguzzler, and it has now reached a point where we can't ever fill our tank up

completely because the

completely because the fuel is so expensive."
But since the couple started looking at electric cars at the beginning of the year, the prices have

the year, the prices have shot up. They had been hoping to pay between £370 and £400 a month for an

Equation of the selectric Mini Cooper.
But by the time they looked again, the cost was over £600.

over £600.
Vicky adds: "We can't believe how much the costs have gone up. It's really

disappointing."
The couple have now put off changing their car until it gets cheaper.

'TalkTalk cut my broadband and phone bill to keep my custom, but could I get a better deal?'

Q MY broadband and telephone deal runs out in two weeks, and I'm struggling to figure out whether I should switch – or stick with my current supplier, TalkTalk. I've been offered a cheaper contract to stay, which would cost me £348 instead of £438 a year – but can you help me get an even better rate than this?

MEGAN HEBDITCH

Martock, Somer A Like thousands of others, you're feeling the squeeze as bills soar. That's why you rang me up in June to see

if I could help you get the best deal you can for your broadband and telephone.

You were finding it hard to compare rates, and with time running out you needed to make a

decision fast.
Sensibly, you had already called TalkTalk to

haggle over your bill.
You were paying £36.48
a month, but they offered to cut this down to £28.95 to tempt you to stay with them for another year. It meant that you would be saving £90

a year – but you wondered if there was an even better deal elsewhere.

Solasked MoneySuperMarket to do some hunting. It found you could get a 24-month

LUCY ALDERSON

Sorts out your money issues

contract with Vodafone costing £22 a month – which is £528 over the term of the contract, working out at

£264 each year. That's £84 less than what you'd be paying for the TalkTalk contract.

On top of that, the Vodafone deal came with a £150 voucher you could spend at Amazon, Tesco, Marks & Spencer or Sainsbury's. You said you were thrilled with the

savings you'd be making, and would be switching immediately. Always be sure to make a note a month or so before your contract is due to end.

Use a comparison website such MoneySuperMarket, GoCompare or Uswitch to see what the cheapest deals on offer are - and see whether your current provider can match that.

If they won't, it doesn't pay to be loyal - and it's better to switch.



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TSB, Lloyds and Halifax all suffered IT outages this week which left customers unable to access their accounts online

mobiles. It can be frustrating when your bank goes offline and you can't check your balance or make payments.

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or via their

In some cases, it might leave you unable to settle an important bill.

Here are your rights if there's a computer glitch that affects your bank – and how to claim if you're left out of pocket . . .

GET UPDATES

unable to use your mobile banking app or log into your account, it is a good idea to find out whether other customers are experiencing the same difficulties.

The website Downdetector.co.uk

shares information when lots of customers are reporting a problem with their bank, mobile or internet provider. You can also check on Twitter to see whether the bank has put out a

message explaining what's going on or how long it might last. And you will be able to see if any

other customers are complaining about the same issues

KEEP EVIDENCE

You should make notes detailing exactly when you were unable to access the services.

Also, write down the names of any members of staff you dealt with when speaking to your provider about the problems you were having. Jot down relevant times and take screenshots of any error messages on your phone or

computer CLAIM IF IT LEFT YOU OUT OF POCKET

Unlike internet providers, banks are not obliged to pay out compensation to customers if there's been an outage or if they've experienced technical issues.

YOUR RIGHTS: But you might be entitled to some depending on how much the disruption impacted you. To stake a claim,

you have to present evidence of how the

evidence of how the outage negatively affected you, including any extra costs incurred. For example, you might have been hit with a late payment charge because you were unable to settle a bill on time.

TAKE IT FURTHER

If you have genuinely suffered a loss as a result of an outage and your bank doesn't offer to cover your costs or make a goodwill payment, complain to the Financial Ombudsman Service.

It's a free-to-use independent body which aims to resolve issues based on what it thinks is "fair and reasonable".
Visit financial-ombudsman.org.uk to find out more.

HOW MUCH COULD I GET?

Whether you get compensation and how much will depend on whether you lost any money as a result of the outage. If the FOS finds the bank at fault, you could get a refund of any fees, charges or fines that you had to pay.





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B&B for the price of three at The Farmhouse Hotel in St Saviour, Guernsey, from £367pp, including ferry travel from Poole.

Wellness buffs can try outdoor

yoga classes during a three-night stay at The Atlantic Hotel, which overlooks Jersey's St Ouen's Bay. Prices from £423pp, including ferry travel from Poole in October. Or book a gin safari at The Duke of Richmond in St Peter

Port, Guernsey, where four nights is from £478pp, including ferry from Poole in September.

See condorferries.co.uk/

holidays-breaks.



YOTEL CLERKENWELL London

WHAT'S IT LIKE? Budget-friendly Yotel is known for its simple but affordable rooms, with its London Clerkenwell branch just minutes away from all the city's major attractions.

ROOMS ANY GOOD? There are 212 rooms – from singles to family – although all of them are pretty spacious. Each has a hairdryer, towels and toiletries as well as a large. out

and toiletries as well as a large widescreen TV and reading lights. The highlight is the recliner-style beds you can put upright or fully flat using a remote, which I had way too much fun playing around with.

The ensuite bathrooms include rainfall showers and

include rainfall showers and a separate toilet, while some of the suites have great views of the city including St Paul's Cathedral and The Shard. EAT HERE OR GRAB A



PIZZA? The hotel has the small all-day bar and restaurant Komyuniti which has street food-inspired dishes – a highlight being the hoisin duck bao – as well as craft beers and cocktails. There is a limited buffet service in the mornings, with pastries, cereals, fruit and some hot options, or you can get a snack from their Grab + Go station. WHAT ELSE? If you don't

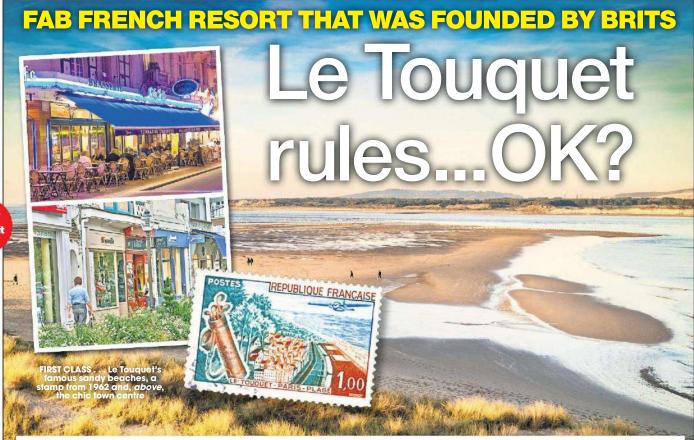
fancy interacting with anyone, the hotel has a contact-free, self-service check-in via its tablets, so I

was able to get my room key with just my name. The streamlined hotel is more of a base so there isn't anything else to do on-site

anything else to do on-site apart from a gym open 24 hours and some desks for remote workers. However, the hotel is a short walk to Farringdon station with nearby hotspots including Smithfield Market, Piano Works and Fabric. SO YOU'D GO BACK? would if I needed a spot to crash while staying in the city - it's simple but affordable for its central location. WHAT'S THE DAMAGE?

Rooms start at £139 per night on a room-only rate. See yotel.com.

KARA GODFREY



WHEN British entrepreneurs John Robinson Whitley and Allen Stoneham bought a stretch of land at Le Touquet in 1894 they transformed the fortunes of this seaside town in Northern France.

in Northern France.

Building golf courses, casinos and even forests, their endeavours attracted wealthy British holidaymakers including royalty and the cream of Parisian society.

It became so popular it earned the name Paris Plage — welcoming everyone from Noel Coward and Churchill to the Duke and Duchess of Windsor. Our late Queen, Elizabeth II, visited with her uncle Edward VIII, enjoying sand yachting and horse riding.

The town announced this week that it would be renaming its international airport after the Queen.
Today, this stylish town remains a top spot for a fantastic weekend of food, sport, shopping and fun.

CLASSIC SIGHI: It's no wonder

food, sport, shopping and fun.

CLASSIC SIGHT: It's no wonder Victorian travellers were entranced by Le Touquet. The wide, pristine sandy beaches are perfect for a stroll summer or winter.

Discover the paths amid the sand dunes and enjoy the distinctive "Le Touquet" light, which gives the area an ethereal and peaceful glow that has inspired so many artists over the years and now keeps the Instagram generation happy.

GO: LE TOUQUET

GETTING THERE: A short-stay saver ticket on Eurotunnel Le Shuttle is from £87 per vehicle each way including up to nine passengers, valid for five days. Standard tickets from £110. See eurotunnel.com.

See eurotunnel.com.
STAYING THERE: Rooms at the 5*
Hotel Barriere Le Westminster start
from £189 per night, room only. See
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FUN NEIGHBOURHOOD: Stroll along

FUN NEIGHBOURHOOD: Stroll along the pedestrianised Rue St Jean and Rue de Mez for some serious retail therapy.

Whether it's window shopping the designer shops or picking up a treat or two in some of the independent boutiques, it's the perfect place to explore, with plenty of restaurants and bars to refuel.

THE WOW MOMENT: Climb Le Touquet's lighthouse for incredible views. Unusually, this tower sits in the centre of town and pays homage to the two original lighthouses destroyed in the

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destroyed in the Second World War. Climb the 298 steps and you will be rewarded with views out to sea,

forests and the surrounding

countryside.

THE CULTURAL FIX: The resort's fam-THE CULTURAL FIX: The resort's famous light has inspired generations of artists. Explore its history at the Way Side Villa – home of the Museum of Touquet-Paris-Plage, set in a verdant forest with sculpture in the gardens. Or admire the work of artists in one of the many galleries.

THE SPORTY FIX: The golf courses that first attracted the great and good are just as impressive today. Welcoming amateurs and professionals since 1904, there are two 18-hole courses and a nine-hole course. Tee off surrounded by pine forests, sand dunes and those superb sea views.

ONE MORE TREAT: Soothe away

ONE MORE TREAT: Soothe away aches and pains after a day's golf or shopping at the newly renovated Thalassa Spa at the seafront Novotel Hotel. Choose from a range of therapeutic treatments and soak up the views of the dramatic coastline from

views of the dramatic coastime from the hotel's heated seawater pool.

FANTASTIC FEAST: Serving up the freshest seafood since 1911, Les Sports has reasonable prices and classic bistro fare. For those looking for a

decent bar, check out Le Street Café. The talented mixologists serve cock-tails to die for. You can choose from their impressive menu or ask for a

their impressive menu or ask for a surprise.

There is live music and a DJ performs on Saturday nights. There is a welcoming buzz the rest of the week, too.

week, too.

TOP TOUR: Do as the locals do and hire a bike. Le Touquet's wide, quiet roads are perfect for admiring the classic architecture. Plus there are 12 miles of cycle paths along the beach, through the sand dunes and by the banks of the River Manche.

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WITH THE KIDS: Aside from the obvious draw of those beautiful beaches, kids will adore a local speciality, Pâte à tartiner. Le Touquet's answer to Nutella, this nutty chocolate spread is perfect on pancakes, ice creams and more.

THE GRAND HOTEL: Hotel Barriere La Westminster first opened its

THE GRAND HOTEL: Hotel Barriere Le Westminster first opened its doors in 1924 on the site of a former palace. Having recently undergone a multi-million pound renovation, the five-star hotel has the perfect blend of history and modernity.

Check out the 007 Suite, where Ian Fleming stayed and where Sean Connery was thought to have signed the contract for his Bond role.

Enjoy Michelin-starred dining at Le Pavillon or French classics at La Table du West. There's also a superbnew spa and indoor pool for days when rain stops play.

MADALYN BIELFELD

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OUR Take Three column offers cut-out-and-keep holiday suggestions. Staycations don't have to be just about summer. This week, we have three wonderful ways to explore our nation's stunning waterways with a winter trip on a canal.

WHAT FLOATS YOUR BOAT ...



BUDGET: Admire the glory of Georgian gem Bath from the water with a four-night midweek break on the Kennet and Avon Canal from Wiltshire to Bath. The journey takes ten hours – travelling across two aqueducts and passing through ten locks. There are plenty of canalside pubs en route including the Barge Inn at Seend and Cross Guns Avoncliff

Guns Avoncliff.

Moor up at Sydney Wharf, which is just a short walk from Bath city centre. The 47ft Foxglove narrowboat is from £696 or £174pp, based on four sharing, from November 21, including diesel, gas, linen, towole and tuition. towels and tuition



BARGAIN: Moor up in Stratford-upon-Avon – it's a picturesque six-hour cruise from Drifters' boatyard on the Stratford Canal at Wootton Wawen in Warwickshire. The route crosses over the Edstone Aqueduct, with lovely views of the countryside and passes through 17 locks.

Once in Stratford, boaters can moor up in Bancroft Basin. The 66ft Poppy luxury canal boat is from £875 in total or £218pp, based on four sharing a midweek break from December 5-9, including linen, towels, parking and tuition. Fuel based on use and charged extra, around £10-15 per day. BARGAIN: Moor up in Stratford-upon-Avon



BLOW-OUT: Wend your way to Warwick Castle on a midweek break from Drifters' base at Stockton on the Grand Union Canal in Warwickshire to the medieval castle on

the banks of the River Avon.
Canalside pubs to enjoy along the way
include the Blue Lias Inn at the bottom of the
Stockton Flight and the Cuttle Inn at Long

Stockton Flight and the Cuttle Inn at Long ltchington.
The 38ft Thomas David narrowboat is from £1,023 in total or £255.75pp based on four sharing, sailing midweek from November 4-11. Price includes diesel, gas, linen, parking, and tuition on arrival. Pets are extra, charged at £25 each.

FAMILIES have been given a glimpse of what to expect from the new Frozen-themed land

new Frozen-themed land opening at Disneyland Paris.
The new images, which also revealed a Tangled-themed spinning cup ride and an English Garden promenade, were revealed at the D23 Expo in California

When the new attraction opens next year, guests will be able to visit Arendelle, home to Elsa's ice

castle, as well as a Nordic-inspired village that will have both shops and a restaurant

At the centre of the new land will be a 7.5-acre lake, just like the fjord in the animated film's kingdom. Visitors will be able to watch

performances and water-based shows on the lake, with seats offering a 360-degree view of the

Characters from the hit movie –

including Olaf, Kristoff, Sven the reindeer and Elsa and Anna – will also be found across the attraction, so

be found across the attraction, so families can get those all-important photos with them.

There will also be a replica of the Frozen Ever After boat ride attraction, currently at Disney World's Epcot in its Norway Pavilion, which takes guests on a voyage through the wintry land of Frozen.

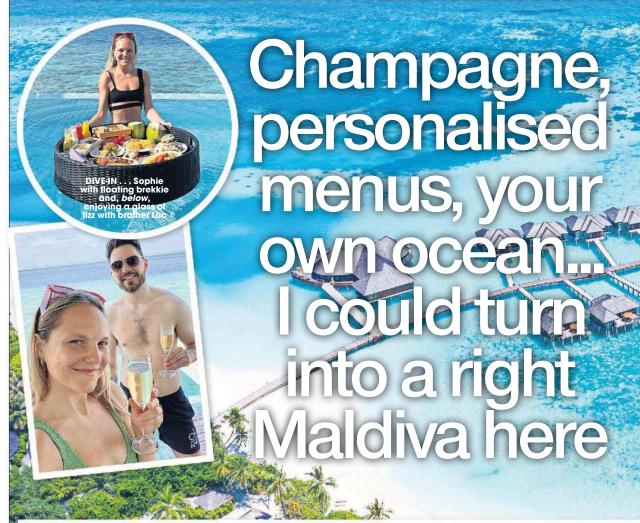
And there will be new Frozen.

wintry land of Frozen.
And there will be new Frozenthemed rooms at the Disneyland Hotel at Disneyland Paris.



LET'S GO . . . to Disney's Frozen attraction

5× SUN SIYAM RESORT IS PARADISE ON SOUTH



PLUNGE into the warm water. Dozens of blue and orange fish scatter, creating a blurred firework in the ocean as I paddle my feet.

The sea is so clear, I can see all the way down to the sandy seabed and coral

below.

And when I lift my head, I can see straight to the deck of my overwater villa, where my brother, Luc, is waving from our

brother, Luc, is waving from our plunge pool.

That's the real magic of staying on Sun Siyam's luxurious island of Iru Veli in the Maldives.

Some of the world's best snor-kelling is on your doorstep — or, more specifically, back door step — where a small set of stairs leads from your villa deck

straight into the turquoise ocean. The sun-drenched Maldives may have many dreamy resorts across its 1,200 coral islands and sandbanks but Iru Veli seems to offer more privacy than most — and with everything included, you can relax knowing there's no big bill to pay when your stay ends.

We're staying in one of the resort's Dolphin overwater suites and I barely notice our villa neighbours for the entire trip. For those who like to keep their feet on dry land, the beach villas are just as impressive, right on the purest soft white sands and each with their own private pool too.

Our thatched lodge takes full advantage of its very special location, from a glass wall in the bathroom that lets you admire ocean creatures as you shower, to the in-room life jackets and snorkel gear that mean you can dive in whenever you desire.

Everything is full-blown luxury at its best. A recent addition to the

GO: MALDIVES

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island resorts, rooms feature conisland resorts, rooms feature contemporary design and a spacious
sun terrace with multiple lounging options and, of course, that
sparkling private pool.
From my vast bed, I can see
nothing but sea for miles.
Until recently, rooms like this
in the Maldives were reserved for
rich honeymooners and the sort
who had a yacht docked in St
Tropez. But none of that is true

today. The price tag for these all-inclusive islands is obviously heftier than a week's holiday in Spain, but with everything included, from superb food and drink in the four restaurants and three bars, this is affordable luxurv.

drink in the four restaurants and three bars, this is affordable luxury.

And it's not all about honeymooners either.

Sun Siyam's Iru Fushi, further north, is full of families who travel from all over the world for its enviable list of island activities, with kayaks, paddleboards and jet skis available to rent and snorkelling excursions, too.

There are also daily shows, endless games, including giant chess, and huge swimming pools with fountains and rope swings to hurl yourself into the water.

And what's really niche for parents is that, in essence, kids can wander wherever they wish, as the only way off the island is by boat or seaplane.

Meanwhile, parents can get their downtime at the 5th sna.

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MEXICO: Seven nights' all-inclusive at the 5★ Hard Rock Hotel is from £1,009pp, including flights from Gatwick on September 25. See tui.co.uk or call 020 3451 2688.

DEVON: Seven nights' self-catering at the Wooladon Estate's Gatherly View in Tamar Valley is from £396, for selected dates in October. Accommodation sleeps four. Call 07879

641488 or see premiercottages.co.uk.

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inghts' self-catering at
the 3* THB Tropical
Island is from £499pp,
including flights from
Newcastle on October 6. See

et2holidays.com. LONDON COACH BREAK: A

two-day break to The Stranger Things Experience in London is from £169pp, including one night's accommodation with

dinner and breakfast and tickets dinner and breakfast and tick to the experience. Pick up on November 27 from selected points in the Northwest and Midlands. See nationalholidays.com. CROATIA CRUISE: Seven

CHOATIA CHUISE: Seven nights' full-board on the vessel Olimp is from £999pp, departing Split on dates in October with stops in Stari Grad, Hvar, Mijet, Dubrovnik, Korcula, Makarska. Flights sold separately. See sail-croatia.com.

BUDGET airline Jet2 kept their promise to passengers during the busy summer months.

The low-cost carrier was the only UK airline not to cancel a single flight throughout July and August – and even recorded its busiest ever weekend in July. Steve Heapy, boss of Jet2, said: "This exhaustive data by OAG (Official Airline Guide) shows Jet2.com is the only UK airline not to cancel a single flight – proof we are the airline customers and independent travel agents can trust." independent travel agents can trust."

LONG HAUL NEED NOT BE PRICEY



FARE DEAL.. Norse Boeing 787 Dreamliner

WITH soaring energy prices sparking a "heat or eat" dilemma, you may think a new airline offering affordable fares on long-haul flights was just pie-in-the-sky. But Norse Atlantic Airways is doing just that, with a fleet of 15 modern, fuel-efficient Boeing 787 Dreamliners. Its inaugural flight between Gatwick and New York JFK took off last month, with The Sun on board to check it out. Norse Atlantic offers a daily transatlantic service, with more US destinations to be announced soon. This week, it launched a sale with fares from £272 return in Economy Light and from £506 return in its Premium cabin.

The selling point for Premium is extra legroom (43in) in the first eight rows, beating the likes of BA's World Traveller Plus and Virgin's Premium Economy (38in). And its impressive 12in recliner on all 56 seats allows for passengers to comfortably lean back and snooze.

Enjoy a welcome soft drink before take-off—with a 10kg carry-on and two meals, including one house beer or wine with each. There's also a complimentary blanket and

with each. There's also a complimentary blanket and headphones.

headphones.
Upgrade to Premium Classic and you get a 23kg checked bag and ticket flexibility. Premium Plus gives premium boarding, priority check-in and more ticket flexibility.
But for many, the value economy tickets are the reason for booking. With Economy Light you'll simply get one underseat bag. Upgrade to Classic and a 10kg cabin bag and 23kg checked bag are included, as well as one meal. The aircraft, previously operated by Norwegian Air Shuttle, ditches a colourful interior for a low-key design. It has modern LED lighting, cleaner air and better cabin humidity.

Pre-landing snack

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There's no wifi yet – and while the in-flight entertainment is comprehensive it doesn't include the latest releases. While those in Premium have an 1fin screen in their seat arm rest, those in economy have a 9in seat-back screen. There's also plenty of USBs to charge your own devices. If you opt for a Classic seat with food and one drink, this doesn't include sparkling wine or spirits, so expect to pay extra if house wine or beer isn't for you.

It seems a little stingy to scrimp on this for just two drinks during the flight, but Norse makes up for it by providing a high-quality meal that fills you up until a pre-landing snack. Neatly packaged in an environmentally friendly cardboard box with wooden cutlery, it won't win awards for looking like Michelin-starred grub, but tasted delicious. I had a decent-sized salmon fillet with mashed potato and greens, plus a bread roll and choc pot for pudding. Other options included roast chicken or roast beef with veg. About an hour before landing, passengers also get a tasty folded pizza or morning bagel to tide them over. Those who choose to go for the most basic fare can opt to pay for food, drink and even a blanket or headphones on board, at fairly reasonable prices.

At a time when high expectation often meets disappointment, Norse was a refreshing change.

MANDA DEVLIN

•For more information and to book, see flynorse.com



ROOMY . . . Dreamliner's Premium recliner seats

ASIAN ATOLL - AND IT IS AFFORDABLE









which is one of the largest in the Maldives and feels like an island in itself.

You enter through a tiny Narnia-like room where a double set of wooden doors at the back opens up on to a hidden tropical jungle.

If relaxing is the aim of the game, then make sure to book in for one of their traditional Maldivan treatments.

Mellow pace

I opt for the Maruhabaa Maldivian Sensations — two hours of pure bliss.
Hidden in my own private garden, I'm left to soak in an outdoor tub filled with milk and pink flower petals, then I'm rubbed head to toe in a sweet-smelling coconut oil that leaves my skin soft for days.

days.

The spa also has a hydrotherapy area that can be
privately booked, free of
charge, by all guests. Dipping

in and out of the bubbling hot and icy cold plunge pools is excellent for the skin, my therapist tells me. But if it's relaxation you're really after, the smaller resort of Iru Veli, a 40-minute seaplane flight south of the capital Male, is where you'll want to be.

be. Unlike Iru Fushi, where the

Unlike Iru Fushi, where the atmosphere is more energetic, the pace here is mellow.

Those wanting to make the trip truly memorable can mark their special occasion with a wine tasting experience in the cellar of the Italian-themed restaurant, Roma

Roma.

But it's the beachfront din-

But it's the beachfront dining experience that takes our fancy.

We find our table on a private stretch of sand, tucked away from the restaurants and main paths and enveloped by dozens of glowing lanterns that illuminate the

surrounding palm trees. The food on our personally designed menu mostly comes fresh from the sea, a few metres in front of us.

But it's the dessert that does it for me a fluffy.

metres in front of us.
But it's the dessert that does it for me – a fluffy mousse wrapped in a white chocolate shell, embellished with freeze-dried raspberries, fresh fruit and citrus gels.
You don't have to book a private experience to get this level of luxury, though.
Every restaurant in the resort is next level – especially the buffet dinner that features absolutely everything from traditional Maldivian fish curries to the best Indian chutneys I've ever tried.
And if that's not enough, there's the one-of-a-kind floating breakfast where you

can tuck into sausages, bacon, eggs, fresh juices, fluffy pancakes and French toast, all from your private pool.

Make sure to book on to a dolphin cruise while you're here. In fact, across each of the resorts there is a whole bost of excursions and

the resorts there is a whole host of excursions and bucket-list activities to try—all free of charge for ultra-all-inclusive guests.

There are diving and snor-kelling trips, sunrise yoga, inflatable obstacle courses, private tours of local islands, dining on a tiny private island and watersports galore. Just don't forget your camera to capture it all. Just one week here counts for a lifetime of holidays—and you'll never want to forget it.



TURKISH DELIGHTS

£430pp: Enjoy seven nights all-inclusive at the 5★ Paloma Foresta in Kemer near Antalya. This hotel is at the foot of densely forested hills, right on the shores of a Blue Flag beach and features three palm-tree lined pools – one heated – as well as splash slides.

well as splash slides.
But it's the food that really takes this resort to another level – a vast international buffet as well as FIVE a la carte restaurants. Fancy a tipple? Relax at the beach bar, enjoy music at the piano bar and there's even an Irish pub for a pint of the good stuff.
You won't be short of fun, either, with

kids' clubs, sports and entertainment both day and night. Prices start at £430pp including flights from Luton on March 14, 2023. See tui.co.uk.

£526pp: For the ultimate adults-only. £526pp: For the ultimate adults-only, beach-and-pool combo, spend seven nights' all-inclusive at the 5 x TUI Blue Side in Antalya. Separated from a vast swathe of golden beach by a palm-lined promenade, this contemporary, modern resort also features a huge freeform pool, surrounded by cushioned loungers and oversize day beds.

Dine in style at the buffet restaurant or

enjoy gourmet treats at the two a la carte restaurants before enjoying a cocktail at





one of the hotel's six bars. Pamper your-self in the hotel spa, with its Turkish bath, saunas and steam rooms, or get active with water sports and tennis. From £526pp with flights from Manchester on March 8, 2023. See **tui.co.uk**.

DREAMING of a sunholiday soaked next summer - but worrying about the cost?

This week, the Sun's Squeeze Team travel special, in association with tour operator Tui, has all the answers to help you plan for the ultimate break in 2023.

The cost-of-living crisis and rising energy prices are a real worry to many but act now and

By LISA MINOT

you can book a brilliant break for next year and have something to look forward to. you can book a brilliant break for next year and have something to look forward to.

In this special report, we have:

•Easy cash hacks to save you on everyday expenses

•Top travel tips to book the savviest of breaks

•Amazing Tui initiatives to help you afford your holiday

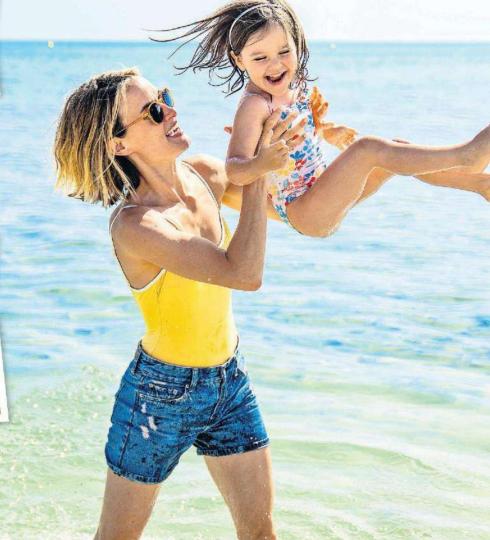
•How you could win £3k of Tui

vouchers for your dream holiday.

Some incredible deals at great hotels in your favourite resorts

While January has traditionally been the month many of us start planning our summer breaks, with this year's unique circumstances now could be the best time to secure your holiday.

You can lock in prices for the places you dream of visiting and Tui has many options to help you afford it – from £0 deposit



EGYPTIAN SUITES

£707pp: Families will love the choice of water fun with seven nights' all-inclusive at the 4* Aqua Blu, Hurghada. There are four pools and a water park. Mum and dad will love swimming up to

the bar in the lagoon-style main pool, the kids will adores the nine chutes and slides and lazy river in the aquapark.

The main restaurant has global fare as well as kids' favourites. For a change of cuisine check out the buffets in the Italian and Tandoori restaurants. Round off the night with a drink in one of the four bars. With kids clubs and a playground this is family holiday heaven. From £707pp, including flights from Bristol on February 21, 2023. See tui.co.uk.

£740pp: Steps from the soft sands of Naqb Bay, soak up seven sunny nights at the all-inclusive 5★ Royal Albatross Moderna in Sharm El Sheikh.

You'll be spoilt for choice when it comes to choosing a lounger – there are 11 pools to sun yourself by as well as a waterpark. Four pools are heated in the winter months.

Variety is also on offer at mealtimes with six restaurants and six bars. There are clubs for the kids and adults will love the Irish bar with its karaoke sessions. Dive deeper into the surrounding area





with snorkelling on the coral reefs outside the hotel. Seven nights is from £740ppwith flights from Luton on February 15, 2023. See **tui.co.uk**.

CHILL IN CAPE VERDE

£813pp: Get away from it all at the exotic 5* Riu Karamboa, a stunning confection of an all-inclusive adults-only hotel hugging the beach at Praia de Salines on the island of Boa Vista.

With its colourful minaret-style roof, it is reminiscent of a sultan's palace. The sprawling pool comes complete with whirlpool bath and you'll find lots of with Minipool bath and you'll find lots of sports facilities to keep you busy by day and there are shows after dark. Enjoy global cuisine in the five restaurants, including three a la carte speciality ones. Try kayaking or bodyboarding in the calm warm waters or indulge in a treatment in the hotel's Renova spa.

Seven nights is from £813pp including flights from Manchester on May 4, 2023.

See tui.co.uk.

£892pp: The turrets and towers of the 5★ all-inclusive Riu Funana, on the island of Sal, are just steps from powderisland of Sal, are just steps from powder-soft white sands but you'll be just as tempted by the vast lagoon-style pool with its swim-up bar, palms and sun loungers. You won't go hungry as snacks are available 24/7 and there are four dining spots, including an Asian a la carte restaurant and poolside grill. Kids clubs will keep little ones entertained by day and there is nightly





entertainment from live shows as a well as a nightclub. Seven nights' all-inclusive is from £892pp with flights from Gatwick on May 2, 2023. See tui.co.uk.

NEED CASH? USE THESE SIMPLE TIPS

FLY MIDWEEK: Often the FLY MIDWEEK: Often the cheapest flights – and package holidays – involve a midweek departure. Ditching the traditional weekend getaway could reap huge rewards and doesn't involve taking any more time off work.

COMPARE REGIONAL

AURDONES: Dant's inch look AIRPORTS: Don't just look at prices for your nearest airport. It's always worth

looking at those either

further afield, or smaller

regional airports. With school holidays often different depending on where you live, a slightly longer commute to a longer commute to a different airport could deliver serious savings. BOOK EARLY FOR MORE CHOICE - AND FREE CHILD PLACES: Securing your 2023 holiday now means you'll have the pick of the flights and even of free child places if two adults are travelling. adults are travelling.

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options, direct debit payments and free kids' places.

There are thousands of FREE child places on offer with Tui for 2023, including 100,000 in the school holidays alone.

And there are thousands of holiday options that require either no deposit at all, or from as little as £25 per person.

You'll be locking in at today's

You'll be locking in at today's prices – giving you the peace of mind of knowing exactly how

much you have to save. Why not split the cost? With Tui's monthly direct debit option you can spread the price of your break into easier, affordable payments.

And what's more, if you book any Tui beach, lakes and moun-tains or Marella Cruises package holiday between now and October 3 you will be entered into random prize draw to win the all cost of your holiday back, ith a winner guaranteed each day. Tui's Richard Sofer says: "We know finances will continue to be challenging, given the cost-of-living crisis many families face.

"Holidays are precious and it's understandable that people are reluctant to give up that special time to recharge and reconnect with loved ones.

"It really will pay to book early, though, locking in prices now and spreading out the cost over a longer period."

HOW do you fancy treating the family to the ultimate all-inclusive Spanish sunshine break? Or how about dipping your toes in the

or now about dipping your toes in t warmest Caribbean waters on a romantic getaway for two in Mexico? Or does the thought of conquering the adrenaline-fuelled rides of Walt Disney World in Florida appeal? Well you could be jetting away on your dream break with our fantastic prize draw in association with TIII

prize draw in association with TUI.

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So what are you waiting for? Simply go to thesun.co.uk/trave/tui and fill in the entry form by 23.59pm on October 2, 2022, and you could be in with a chance of winning that amazing £3,000 holiday voucher. holiday youcher.

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Big smile... you're about to save a hol lot of money

BEAT COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS AND GET AWAY IN 2023 WITH

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The average takeaway for a family of four is £25. Recreate your favourite at home once a week and you could save up to £1.000 a vear.

BARGAIN BATCH COOKING:

batch cook your meals in bulk then freeze them. There's plenty of inspiration online and you could save thousa CLEAR OUT AND CLEAN UP:

De-clutter any unwanted or unused items and sell them – you will be syrprised what you can make. From clothes and can make. From clothes and accessories to games and DVDs, there are loads of apps and websites you can turn to to sell unwanted stuff lying around at home. Or go old school and have a car boot sale.



CANARIES GOING CHEAP

£507pp: Enjoy a break right in the heart of the action at the 3★ TUI Suneo El Trebol in Costa Teguise, Lanzarote. This low-rise hotel is just 15 minutes from bars, restaurants and a trio of beaches. On site, there are two lagoon-style pools with bars in a palm-lined courtyard as well as splash park with slides.

well as splash park with slides.
Enjoy live-cooking stations in the
buffet restaurant or have a drink or two
at the piano show bar or in the adultsonly pub with its evening entertainment.
The modern apartment rooms feature

a bedroom plus a sofa bed in the lounge

a begroom plus a sofa bed in the follow which comes complete with a kitchenette. Seven nights' all-inclusive is from £507pp with flights from Gatwick on April 23, 2023. See tui.co.uk.

£593pp: Enjoy the sparkling blue pools and stunning white low-rise rooms at the 3★ Arena Beach Hotel in Corralejo,

3* Arena Beach Hotel in Corralejo, Fuerteventura – just a five-minute drive from the area's sand dune beaches. Take a break beside two tranquil pools while the kids enjoy the splash park with its lighthouse slide and fountains. Feast no traditional Spanish dishes plus global favourites in the buffet restaurant or enjoy drinks and snacks at the pool and lobby bars. There is a kids' club and a



mini disco to keep the little ones entertained and a host of activities for adults, including a spa.

Seven nights' all-inclusive is from £593pp leaving Gatwick on April 25. See **tui.co.uk**.

GREECE IS THE WORD

£838pp: The 4★ adults-only, all-inclusive TUI Blue Atlantica Nissaki Beach on the beautiful, verdant Greek island of Corfu is the ultimate adults-only escape.

It is situated by the shores of the lonian Sea, on the edge of a verdant hillside and is surrounded by olive groves.

Everything is designed with adults in mind. Try first-class dining and delicious cocktails in the two restaurants and two bars.

Expand your mind while you relax with wine tastings, cocktail masterclasses and cooking courses.

Or simply sit by the pool or grab a lounger on the beach and breakout that latest holiday read. Seven nights' all-inclusive is from £838 with flights from Aberdeen on May 26, 2023. See

£639pp: Soak up stunning views of the Mediterranean from the all-inclusive 3★ Rodos Star in Afandou. It is just a short stroll from the beach and close to

the town's bars and tavernas.
The hotel's well-kept gardens
surround a lovely pool and inside there's
an extensive buffet restaurant plus

cocktail bar with evening entertainment. Rooms are clean and comfy and you





can even upgrade to a room with its own plunge pool. Seven nights' all inclusive is from £639pp including flights from Belfast on May 24, 2023. See **tui.co.uk**.

See tui.co.uk for details ditions apply to all offers.



PLUSH . . . signature suite on board

SUN PRINCESS IS FIT FOR A KING

PRINCESS Cruises has today unveiled its largest ever ship – and loyal Sun readers will want to be first on board

The aptly-named Sun Princess, which sleeps 4,300 guests, is due to make its maiden voyage in

to make its manuer voyage in February 2024. The ship will house the cruise line's first ever geodesic dome – an entertainment hub inspired by the terraces in Santorini.

On board, passengers can pick from premium suites with access to a special restaurant, lounge

and sun deck or Club Class accommodations and state rooms

Spread across 21 decks, the ship has more than 29 dining options, including the Piazza which spans three-storevs and

which spans three-storeys and has cocktail bars and a pizzeria. John Padgett, Princess Cruises president, says: "Sun Princess is a new and bespoke ship platform, designed to embrace Princess heritage while boldly pressing into the future with elegant and pure lines unique to our brand.

Inaugural spring and summer sailings will begin around the Mediterranean before the ship moves to the Caribbean in

autumn 2024.
Plans are also underway for a second, next-generation
"Sphere-class" ship to debut in
spring 2025.
The ship's first three voyages

are on sale now. A ten-night Grand Mediterranean voyage costs from £1,789pp, departing February 28, 2024. See prin-cess.com or call 0344 338 8663.



DECKED OUT . . . sun loungers lined up on new ship

NNING COAST AND COUNTRY NEAR GAVIN & STACEY'S BARRY Vale of Glamorgan? There's lots occurring

STAFF shortages and strikes have made jetting abroad a struggle for some this summer - so many turned to a staycation instead.

But while millions of us headed for the familiar holiday hotspots of Devon and Cornwall, I was desperate to escape the crowds and go off the beaten track.

and go off the beaten track.

I was still after those stunning sea views and salty fresh air plus dramatic scenery come rain or shine – it is the UK, of course.

And we hit the jackpot with the unspoilt coastline of the Vale of Glamorgan in South Wales.

Stretching 14 miles from Aberthaw to Porthcawl, Glamorgan Heritage Coast boasts beautiful beaches, secluded coves and rugged cliffs.

We stayed in the village of

ged cliffs.

We stayed in the village of Southerndown, about a 20-minute drive from Bridgend, in a beautiful three-bed barn conversion that was once an old hen house. All

PICTURESQUE

traces of its former use have been

traces of its former use have been swept away – the rooms are gorgeously light with a host of quirky features including beamed and vaulted ceilings.

It's on a working farm and the long driveway leads right to the sea with a path through the woods directly to Dunraven Bay and the South Wales Costal Path.

Fossil hunters

On spotting it for the first time, my toddler excitedly pointed at it and shouted: "Bath!"

and shouted: "Bath!"

Well, I suppose it is like a big bath, just a little more choppy—
and without her usual bubbles.

Dunraven Bay, often referred to as Southerndown beach, is popular with surfers and fossil hunters. A few metres back from the shore are the walled gardens and ruins of Dunraven Castle, which are well worth a wander round. If you're feeling energetic, you can attempt to walk the entire Glamorgan Heritage Coast or, like

O: VALE OF **GLAMORGAN**

STAYING THERE: The Hen House is a STAYING THERE: The Hen House is a 4* detached cottage sleeping five in three bedrooms. Prices from £137 per night with a four-night midweek self-catering stay in October from £764.15. For more information, see sladeholidaycottages.co.uk or call 01656 880048.

MORE INFO: To plan a break to the Valor of Genorypan ge to

Vale of Glamorgan, go to visitthevale.com.

us, take on one of the shorter walks or loop trails. We may not have picked the best weather for our ramble but at least the wind was in the right direction on the way home.

Afterwards, we refuelled at the Three Golden Cups pub in the village, which serves the best home-cooked pub grub, including its famous The Proper Pie. There

is a real renaissance in using locally sourced produce in Wales. Championing the cause is the award-winning Forage Farm Shop and Kitchen on the Penllyn Estate Farm in nearby Cowbridge.

It's a perfect place for families, with a brilliant play area outside for children. After enjoying a bite to eat, we loaded up our basket with bangers from their butcher, other goodies and even a free apple when my toddler refused to hand it over to be weighed.

Fairy trail

Another family-friendly spot is the Amelia Trust Farm, a small charity that supports disadvantaged and vulnerable young people through alternative education and community engagement.

Set in 160 acres of stunning countryside near Barry, it's home to an array of animals, including pigs, sheep, donkeys and even a tortoise. The gnome and fairy trail—an assortment of 25 fairy doors and garden-style gnomes hidden among the trees on a woodland

walk — is a huge hit with kids. And no trip to the area would be complete without a visit to Barry Island — made famous by the hit sitcom Gavin & Stacey.

After picking out some of the show's landmarks, we enjoyed building sandcastles and fish and chips — so good we went back for

snows landmarks, we enjoyed building sandcastles and fish and chips — so good we went back for more. I'm a big kid and couldn't resist a go on the arcades but sadly there was no Nessa in sight. The next day, we headed to Penarth for a wander. The seaside town is home to a Victorian pier, art deco pavilion and modern marina, where we stopped for lunch at The Deck.

After yet more fish and chips, we headed to Cardiff before getting the train home.

When going abroad, travelling often eats into holiday time.

We were only away for three nights. Yet, it felt like we'd packed in so much more with the perfect combination of seaside fun and country pursuits.

country pursuits.

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ROYAL TRIBUTE: Garden centres are braced for high demand for plants to commemorate our late Queen. Among others, there are rose, magnolia, camellia, lavender and clematis varieties that bear the name clemans varieties that bear the flame Elizabeth or Queen Elizabeth. They also expect interest in plants she loved, like lily-of-the-valley and sweet peas, including the new release "Platinum Jubilee".

PLANT OF THE WEEK – Aster Mönch: This bushy, clump-forming herbaceous perennial, right, is covered in daisy-like flowers with lavender-blue petals and yellow-green centres from late summer into autumn. They are very attractive to bees. It grows to 90cm high and spreads to Im across. The green leaves are carried on upright stems leaves are carried on upright stems which die down after flowering.



TIMELY TIP: As light levels start to get weaker, it's time to start removing the spray-on shading that has protected plants from the full glare of the sun in greenhouses, tunnels and frames. Use a weak detergent to remove the shading and also get rid of any surface dirt and grime. Rinse off the detergent with cold water afterwards

Q WILL applying moss-killer to my lawn harm wildlife?

MR L OAKLEY
Northallerton, North Yorks

Alt depends. MO Bacter (DJ Turfcare) kills and digests moss without harming wildlife or pets. This control works well providing the temperature is over 10C, but keep the lawn watered regularly for the process to work.

Q WHEN is the best time to prune gooseberry bushes?

MR G JOHNSON Stourport-on-Severn, Worcs

A Just as the buds burst in early spring, remove any dead or dying shoots. Shorten uying snoots. Snorten main branches by a third, cutting to an outward-facing bud. Remove any shoot tips affected by mildew. Cut back all side shoots to three buds to

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but others will nave but too baked.
Autumn is a good time to replace plants that have failed, because it is the best planting for shrubs, trees and time for shrubs, herbaceous peren

herbaceous perennials while the soil is warm.

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SUPER LEAGUE SEMIS

Smith's battlers book their ticket to final

By GARY CARTER

ROHAN SMITH'S Leeds

ROHAN SMITH'S Leeds stunned 12-man Wigan to reach their first Grand Final for five years.

But for 40 minutes, the Rhinos were on the rack as the Warriors pounded them.

Surely they would wilt in the second half. No chance. Jarrod O'Connor darted over before James Bentley's double helped his hometown club to Old Trafford to face either St Helens or Salford.

John Bateman's red card for an ugly hit on Aidan Sezer capped a night of woe for Wigan after star Bevan star Bevan French limped

> Emotional Leeds boss Smith phoned his wife in

Wigan.....8 Leeds.....20

Australia at full-time. He said: "I'm really proud. I didn't know what to say or feel at first, other than I'm privileged to be a part of it. "I wasn't worried in that first half and there's always a belief wo'd get through it

first half and there's always a belief we'd get through it.
"When I started, I hadn't given Old Trafford a thought. As a group, we talked about playing Wigan rather than building the occasion up.
"I called my wife, who's with our three kids at home. "They stayed as one's a baby and watched it from the comfort of the lounge."

For all their attacking threats, Wigan's defensive capabilities set up the opener. Bateman and Morgan Smithies charged down Blake

Austin's kick to give them position from which Harry Smith sent Liam Marshall diving over.

shock, especially when Bentley touched down Sezer's

Bateman could not have

diving over.
Leeds hardly looked like scoring until Zak Hardaker's penalty after Patrick Mago clobbered Austin high.
After being battered for 40

After being battered for 40 minutes, Leeds would have taken being 4-2 down!

If Wigan boss Matt Peet was seeing how French was after half-time with an ankle problem, he got his answer within 35 seconds — nowhere page OK

Bateman could not have many arguments about his sending off — even he appeared to know what was coming from ref Liam Moore.

Wigan almost breached the unbreachable, only for Marshall to spill the ball and when Bentley touched down again on 65 minutes, with Hardaker booting his fourth goal, it was all over.

Wigan's Sam Powell surged over nowhere near OK.

Maybe Wigan
were expecting
Leeds to kick
towards him on
the last play but
O'Connor left them standing by stealing over from dummy half. French made way but Leeds sensed a



By GARY CARTER

SALFORD are dreaming of reigning supreme in Super ... thanks to their

League...thanks to their own KING.
Fans have been making a right royal fuss of prop King Vuniyayawa after some top displays.
And if he now helps the Red Devils to Grand Final glory, it would crown off an incredible season for his underdogs.
The Filian is two steps from

season for his underdogs.

The Fijian is two steps from history as Paul Rowley's men eye the title after finishing sixth—despite being many people's tip for relegation.

With King Charles on the throne now, Vuniyayawa has had to deal with extra attention—including being serenaded with the national anthem.

Ahead of today's Super League semi againts St Helens, he said: "It's been a bit weird now my name is so topical. There is not



much of a story behind the King name. My mum got it out of The Bible and King leads well into my second name. It's officially on my birth certificate. "Now people are singing, 'God Save the King,' which they did when I came off the bench in the Huddersfield game. "Fans all suddenly started to sing the national anthem." Salford must bid to end Saints' near four-year dominance with-

Salford must bid to end Saints' near four-year dominance without star half-back Brodie Croft.
But it was while Vuniyayawa and Croft's partner in the position, Marc Sneyd, were missing that it dawned on the Fijian they could do something special.
The 27-year-old believes he is a better player than the one that

a better player than the one that left Leeds in 2021. The Red

Devils booked a semi-final spot by beating Huddersfield 28-0. Vuniyayawa added: "I didn't get the minutes I wanted at Leeds, now at Salford we have

now at Salford we have developed well this season. "The turning point was when we played St Helens then Wigan early in the season. We knew then what the benchmark was. "We lost both but had a taste of what the best wore like New

"We lost both but had a taste of what the best were like. Now, the sky's the limit."
Salford centre Deon Cross is eyeing a special day, even if it annoys his mates.

Cross is St Helens through and through and still lives in the Sutton area. But he is desperate to beat his boyhood idols—even though many friends and family will be in the stands.

He said: "Growing up I was a

He said: "Growing up. I was a massive Saints fan — I still follow them now.

"All my family are Saints fans. If we win I can rub it into all their faces!"

CROWN IEWEL . . . Vuniyayawa

Ethan hopes for a top gift

By ROB MAUL ETHAN HAYTER hopes to celebrate his birthday with world gold — and a treat for his holidaying parents.

for his holidaying parents. The British cyclist turns 24 tomorrow, on the same day he rides in a rolling 34.2km time trial at the 2022 UCI World Road Cycling Championships. Hayter (left), who won Olympic Madison silver in 2021, said: "I'm hoping it will be a fun birthday. "My parents have come out. I paid for their flights as their birthday presents. "They have friends here, too, and came out for a holiday.

holiday.

"I'd like to stay myself a bit longer but I have the track worlds in Paris in

track worlds in Paris in October.

"A medal would be amazing. It's a course that suits me well. I think the cornering will be extremely important."

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United Rugby Championship (3.05): Edinburgh v Dragons (7.35), Lions v Blue Bulls, Scarlets v Ospreys (5.15), Ulster v Con-nacht (7.35), Zebre v Leinster (1.0), Cardiff Rugby v Munster.

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HAPPY TO BE BACK . . . recalled Alex Hales in Karachi

NOOD: ľ

MARK WOOD is desperate to play Test cricket for

Ben Stokes' shock troops.

The Durham speedster has been out since March with an elbow injury.

County team-mate Stokes has led England to six Test wins this summer over New Zealand, India and South Africa.

Test wins this summer over New Zealand, India and South Africa.

And Wood — looking to make his comeback in the T20 format — still wants to send down his 90mph thunderbolts in five-day cricket.

The 32-year-old said: "I still want to play Test cricket and play for as long as I can.

"I'd love to play for Stokesy. The Test team have had a great summer, they're winning games, playing entertaining cricket and I can't believe how relaxed the environment is under Ben and Brendon McCullum.

"It has been fantastic

"It has been fantastic and something I would love to be a part of. But I know I'm going to have to wait my turn because they've done so well. "There is a long list of boulder twing to get in.

bowlers trying to get in that side and I'm one of them."

Wood is part of England's touring party in Karachi, where a seven-match Twenty20 series against Pakistan kicks off on Tuesday.

series against Pakistan kicks off on Tuesday.

He is hoping to play a major role at next month's T20 World Cup in Australia too, a workload that makes the winter Test series in Pakistan look a long shot.

Wood was England's top performer in last winter's Ashes disaster where Joe Root's side were smashed 4-0.

Despite making his Test debut seven years ago, injuries have restricted the Northumbrian to 26 Tests and a tally of 82 victims. At 32 and with a body that has been hammered by 90mph bowling, it would not be a complete surprise if he moved to not be a complete surprise if he moved to

Short-form cricket.

Wood was a major part
of the side that won the
50-over World Cup in

By JACK ROSE

2019 — batting with
Stokes as the game was
tied off the final ball
before England won on
boundary count after a
Super Over shootout.

Stokes confronted his
own mental health battle
in his recent documentary and a new book
written by Wood — The
Wood Life: A Not So
Helpful How-To Guide
on Surviving Cricket, Life
and Everything in
Between — also opens up
about his experiences of
panic attacks and anxiety
in 2016.

He said: "My cricket
career hasn't always been
happy and jolly, I've had
to battle some things.
"But that battle has
probably made me a better and stronger person."

ALEX HALES says he
only has himself to
blame for his 3½-year
England exile.
Hales, 33, was axed at

only has himself to blame for his 3½-year England exile.
Hales, 33, was axed at the start of the 2019 summer after neglecting to disclose he had failed two recreational drug tests.
But the batsman is back for the T20 series against Pakistan, which starts on Tuesday, as a replacement for the injured Jonny Bairstow, and the World Cup in Australia.
Hales said: 'At the end of the day, it was my fault, wasn't it? You have to look at yourself in the mirror and try to interest on the press."

mirror and try improve as a person." to



HOPING TO BE BACK . . . Mark Wood is eyeing Test spot

CANELO v GGG III

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From STEVE BRENNER in Las Vegas

CANELO ALVAREZ cannot stand Gennady Golovkin

— and he is ready to

make him pay.

The Mexican snarls at mere mention of the Kazakh warrior ahead of tonight's third fight of their trilogy.

rior ahead of tonight's third fight of their trilogy.

Canelo is determined to dish out punishment for "talking s*** about me" – and to reclaim top spot in boxing's pound-for-pound list.

Their rivalry goes back years but hit a new level after Canelo failed a drugs test in 2018, delaying their second fight.

That eventually ended in a razor-thin Canelo points win after the first bout in 2017 was a controversial draw.

With tonight's bout taking place at super-middleweight, this is a chance for the Mexican – the undisputed champion at that weight – to make up for losing his last fight at light-heavyweight to Dmitry Bivol and become the pound-for-pound finest in theyes of the boxing world.

Middleweight champ Golov-kin, 40, will fight at 1681b for the first time although the extra weight should suit him.

SO, WE MEET AGAIN ... GGG (right) face to face with Canelo in Vegas celebrate Mexican Indepen-

celebrate Mexican Independence weekend in style.

The 32-year-old snapped: "I just want to punish him really hard. He pretends to be a nice person but he's not.

"He talks a lot of s*** about me and that's what I don't like. He's a great fighter but as a person? I don't think so.

"It's one of the biggest fights of my life because of the rivalry and this third fight will be the most important.

"The rivalry goes back years and I love that it's personal. It makes me train like crazy.

"I listen to what he says but at the end of the day, he

is just making excuses. I listen but don't take it to heart. "What I don't like is when it

"What I don't like is when it comes to talking in person, he lies. I know I won both fights, I have nothing to prove."

Both fighters were bristling during a pre-fight face-off this week and Canelo, who boasts a record of 57-2-2 with 39 KO's, added: "This is as edgy as I have been before a fight for a while.
"I am the best fighter in the world right now and I don't need to take risks but I love a challenge."

GGG — his full name is

Gennady Gennadyevich Golovkin – says Canelo lost touch with reality while losing comprehensively to the bigger, stronger Bivol.

The Kazakh claims his ageless, baby-faced look is down to his health regime and the fact he's never done drugs – a swipe at Canelo who got off with a six-month ban after claiming contaminated beef was to blame for the trace levels of clenbuterol four years ago.

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Golovkin, who has won 42 of his 44 fights with 37 KOs and holds three belts at 160lb, said: "We saw what he said about a possible fight with Oleksandr Usyk and others, even now he continues to say that he's not afraid of any challenges and saves his face. "At the same time what he said in the press, he didn't take Bivol seriously. He lost touch with reality and believed he was invincible. "The confidence is there, but after clearly losing the fight, you are raising your arms and saying you only lost a couple of rounds...

"I anticipate he will make less mistakes, I know what type of fight we are facing and I am ready."

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Warriors can play

By ADAM HATHAWAY

WORCESTER have been given the green light to host Exeter tomorrow — but the club remains in turmoil, with staff raging. Warriors yesterday met a noon deadline set by the RFU to show they had the necessary safety certificates and medical cover. However many fuming

However many fuming employees have still not been paid their full wages due at the end of August

due at the end of August
— and have helped get
the game on for nothing.
Boss Steve Diamond
said: "All the staff have
agreed to work, Worcester
is all they care about."
The club face a windingup order from HMRC over
a £6million tax bill and
they will be relegated
automatically if they go
into administration.

Faz gets the nod

OWEN FARRELL starts for Saracens at Harlequins today — but Quins were left fuming after Marcus

Smith's return was blocked by Eddie Jones. Farrell and Smith both played all three summer Tests in Australia and technically should have bad a 10-week rest

technically should have had a 10-week rest.

The last game against the Wallabies was nine weeks ago today but Faz, who missed five months of last season with ankle injuries, and Billy Vunipola can play today while Smith is forced to sit it out.

Maro Itoje, who missed the final Test in Sydney with concussion.

with concussion, also starts for Saracens. Elsewhere, scrum-half Ben Youngs plays his 200th Premiership game for Leicester as they take on Newcastle.

Peter no Fall guy

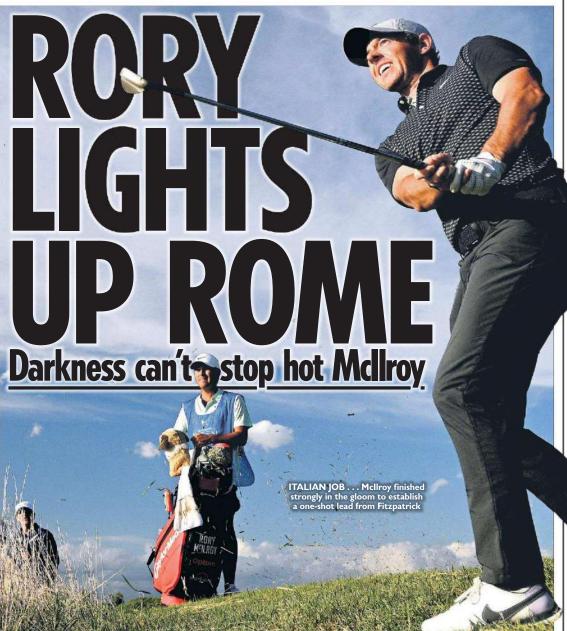
PETER WRIGHT survived a huge scare to finally floor Fallon Sherrock in the World Series finals. The world champ looked in big trouble as he trailed the Queen of the Palace 4-3 in Amsterdam last night.

But Wright, 52, powered back to win three on the spin after Sherrock had taken out 87, 73 and 120 finishes and did not miss

Wright now plays
Michael Smith tonight and
said: "I knew it was going
to be tough, everyone has been playing nuts against me since I came back from surgery. I have a target on my back. "Fallon wanted to show the world that she could

still play darts against the best and she did that."

ITALIAN OPEN GOLF



RORY McILROY'S brilliance shone through the darkness in Rome as he somehow managed to finish his second round at the Italian

his second round at the Italian Open with a one-shot lead.

McIlroy did not look likely to end the day on top of the leaderboard, as he trailed Ryder Cup team-mate Matt Fitzpatrick by four shots after a bogey at the tenth hole.

The odds were also against the fourtime Major winner even completing his round, after delays on day one forced Fitzpatrick and the players in his half of the draw to finish their opening rounds before heading straight back out.

But McIlroy went into overdrive as the light started to fade, bagging four birdies and an eagle as he sprinted to the top of the leaderboard.

It was also a race against time with

the top of the leaderboard.

It was also a race against time with the world No2 and playing partners Francesco Molinari and Nicolai Hojgaard feeling they might just complete the 18 holes.

They teed off on the par five just as the siren went off to signal the close of play at 7.20pm — although players could choose whether to finish the hole they were on, or simply put a marker down to resume today.

McIlroy's group decided they did not want an early-

down to resume today.

McIlroy's group decided
they did not want an earlymorning call, and carried on
at the Marco Simone course,
even though it was hard to see
where they were supposed to be

A CONTRACTOR OF THE SECOND

By DAVID FACEY

aiming. Molinari was left to regret that decision, as he missed a short putt for par and finished on one under.

But Mcllory converted a five-footer for birdie, completing a 66 that edged him past US Open champ Fitzpatrick on nine under par.

Mcllroy said: "I've saved myself from coming back really early to play one hole and I'm in a great position.

"Fitz has matured into one of the best players in the world. I'm looking forward to going up against him over the weekend."

The pair will be out together in the final group today. And after expressing

widely-contrasting views on whether LIV rebels should be considered for next year's Ryder Cup at this course, it could be a feisty duel. Fitzpatrick, who would be happy to play with the LIV players, knows it is the Northern Irishman who should be chasing him

chasing him.

chasing him.

He grabbed the first-round lead at six under after bagging two birdies in the three holes he had left to play—and followed up by rattling off a string of five birdies in a row to race to ten under par.

He was three shots clear of the pack at that stage but gave a couple back towards the end of his second round to

at that stage but gave a couple back towards the end of his second round to open the door for McIlroy.

Fitzpatrick said: "It was obviously a bit up and down — plenty of birdies but plenty of bogeys, too."

Ryder Cup captain Luke Donald will be pleased with the sight of two of his best golfers playing so well—and by his own efforts, too.

Rounds of 69 and 68 signalled an unexpected return to form for the former world No1, who is now down to 575th in the rankings.

He is joint fifth, just four shots off the lead. Much more of this and he may have to consider giving himself one of his six wild cards next year!

Donald should have been two shots better off. He was penalised for playing the wrong ball from the rough on 16, only realising his mistake on the green.

A JAPAN SANTE



Double **Dutch for** Murray

By COLIN DUNCAN

MURRAY was NDY MURRAY was mable to prevent Great Britain crashing out on his 50th Davis Cup rubber.

Murray marked his half-century with an agonising defeat to the Netherlands as he unable

Netherlands, as he lost the deciding doubles alongside

doubles alongside
Joe Salisbury.
The Team GB pair
were edged out in a
thrilling clash with the
USA on Wednesday.
And they suffered
more heartbreak at
Classow's Emirates

Emirates

Glasgow's Emirates
Arena last night.
A 7-6 6-7 6-3 loss to
Wesley Koolhof and
Matwe Middelkoop saw Leon Smith's team fail to reach the quarterfinals.

Murray, 35, has carried the nation on his shoulders for much of the past two decades but was unable coniure

up the old magic as Holland closed out the tie by winning the last ten points of the rubber.

Tomorrow's group clash with Kazakhstan is now effectively meaningless, with the Netherlands and USA in the last eight.

NOVAK DJOKOVIC has hailed his rival Roger Federer's 'integrity and poise' after the Swiss tennis icon announced plans to retire.

Federer, 41, revealed on Thursday that he will call time on his pro

career after next week's
Laver Cup in London.
Serb Djokovic wrote
on Instagram: "Roger,
your career has set the tone for what it means to achieve excellence and lead with integrity and poise."

Sport

ENGLISH UFC star Arnold Allen will headline his first event next month. The featherweight fighter, 28, will face American Calvin Kattar on Fight Night on October 29.

SHORT

FOCUS ON MAN UTD

By NEIL CUSTIS

LISANDRO MARTINEZ says he has overcome a tough start to life at Manchester United to prove he

United to prove he can be a hit in the Premier League.

The £48.3million new boy made his debut in an opening-day defeat to Brighton and came in for particular criticism following the team's abject performance in the 4-0 loss against Brentford when he was hauled off at half-time.

His lack of height for a centre-half at 5ft 9in was highlighted by some critics, something he and the manager Erik ten Hag find insulting.

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For what the Argentine lacks in height he makes up for in positioning, timing and awareness.

Martinez, 24, said: "The Premier League is the best league in the world because it is very physical and you are playing against the best players in the world every game.
"You have to prepare, you have to be ready for that.
"At the beginning, it was a bit hard but like every step I have had to take in my career, you have to keep going.

nave to work nard, you have to keep going.
"Now we are doing well."
Martinez's spirit and passion is a major plus factor in the make-up of Ten Hag's new United.

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It has immediately made him a favourite with the Red Devils fans who chanted 'Argentina, Argentina' in support of him during the 2-0 victory away to Sheriff Tiraspol on Thursday night.

Martinez said: "It makes me feel very proud. I'm really happy to feel this love from the fans. "It is amazing every game they sing 'Argentina, Argentina' because that is my country, I love my country and if they say that, it makes me feel very emotional." Indeed the whole atmosphere of the Premier League is something that has inspired the former Ajax talisman.

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He said: "I was surprised to be honest because I had never been to England before and I really love the passion of the people.

"It's not just Manchester United, it is every stadium.

"It is amazing, that passion, it is amazing to play like that.

"Every stadium you can feel the atmosphere and that is great for me because I want to play every game at 100 per cent."

Martinez joined United ahead of Prem leaders Arsenal this summer and he clearly has no regrets. He said: "I chose Manchester United because it is the best club in the world. That is it. It was that simple for me.

"I always dreamed of playing for this club. Everyone knows about Manchester United.

"Every game you can feel the support of the people."

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Martinez's arrival has immediately dumped club captain Harry Maguire out the first team.

It was felt Maguire would at least get a run out in the Europa League games.

But with no Premier League match at the weekend after their date with Leeds on Sunday was postponed, Martinez got the nod ahead of him on Thursday night.

Martinez once again lined up alongside Raphael Varane in what is emerging as a strong centre-back partnership.

He added: "Everyone knows how good he is. He is a legend for me.

"I'm really happy to play with him at the back, but every player in the team is ready to play.

"Every player is doing well and working hard.
"That's the important point. It's not just Varane, it is Harry, it is Luke Shaw, it is Donny van de Beek, it is everyone. Everyone is ready, that is the good point of where we are as a team."

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Education

MARTINEZ IS LEARNING FAST





Conor's a young 'un again

By TOM BARCLAY

CONOR GALLAGHER back with England's Under-21s after being dropped by Gareth Southgate.

Southgate.
The Chelsea starlet, 22, has four senior caps but was left out of the full squad for the upcoming Nations League games with Italy and Germany.
He will now turn out for Lee Carsley's Young Lions, who face friendlies against the same opposition over

the same opposition over the next ten days. Boss Carsley said: "We welcome Conor back to

the group.
"I know he will take to
the pitch with as much
pride in wearing a shirt
for the Under-21s as he

would for the seniors.

"He — like all of our players — can continue to players — can continue to take comfort in the fact that Gareth will always keep one eye on their progress. There is no glass ceiling." Tottenham pair Oliver Skipp and Ryan Sesse-gnon, as well as Sheffield United striker Rhian Brew-ster are also hack in the

United Striker Kinan Brew-ster, are also back in the 25-man squad, having missed out in recent months due to injury. Skipp has not played for Spurs since January but

has also received a maiden call-up. He is one of six City players in the squad, albeit he is one of five from the Premier League champions who are out on loan having been farmed out to Huddersfield.

Carsley added: "Luke is a player who has been in

our system for a while.

"He's headed out to
Huddersfield this season for his first loan move and he's a player who we see as having high potential as having high potential within the England set-up."
SQUAD — KEFEPRS: Bursik (Stoke), Griffiths (Portsmouth), Trafford (Bolton). DEFENDERS: Aarons (Norwich), Colvill (Brighton), Cresswell (Millwall), Harwood-Bellis (Burnley), Mbete (Huddersfield), Sessegnon, Spence (both Tottenham), Thomas (Leicester), MIDFIELDERS: Doyle (Sheft Utd), Elliott (Liverpool), Gallagher (Chelsea), Garner (Everton), Gibbs-White (Nottm Forest), McAlee (Sheft Utd), Ramsey (A Villa), Skipp (Tottenham), FORWARDS: Balguin (Reims), Brewster (Sheft Utd), Gomes (Lille), Gordon (Everton), Lewis-Potter (Brentford), Palmer (Man City).

Sport

BOUBACAR KAMARA BOUBACAR KAMARA
has been called into
France's squad to face
Austria and Denmark.
The Aston Villa ace,
22, who already has
three caps, has been

three caps, has been named amid concerns over midfielder Adrien Rabiot's calf injury.

France are bottom of their Nations League group

of their Nauon.
League group
with two points.

SHORT

Karren **READ HER EXCLUSIVE VIEWS** EVERY SATURDAY IN Sün

Potter & Page are unassuming, understated...but

THE managerial roundabout is swishing around as early as ever with Graham Potter's

swishing around as early as ever with Graham Potter's appointment at Chelsea the first of the headline hitters.

Rob Page jumped on to the moving twirler some while ago but his job as Wales boss has been confirmed with a four-year contract that all but kicks off with the World Cup in November.

For both, those are quite some leaps.

leaps.
The actual difference in what they

The actual difference in what they do is enormous – although nothing like as much as that in salaries.

Page's £350,000-a-year or so is dwarfed by Potter's who will be reportedly paid at least that for each FORTNIGHT at Stamford Bridge.

reportedly paid at least that for each FORTNIGHT at Stamford Bridge. Neither has ever been a big name, either as a player or a previous managerial job.

Page, 48, was a centre-back tough enough to clamber to a season in the Premier League with Watford but generally a sterling member of the lower divisions.

And 47-year-old Potter's playing past was not a lot different.

His career in the Premier League was even briefer than Page's, a mere now-you-see-me-now-you-don't eight matches with Southampton and plenty in the hinterland.

And these fast stats stress the simple truth that you don't have to be an outstanding player or, for that matter much of a player at all (witness Mourinho, Wenger and many more) to be a top manager.

Indeed, the better the player the harder it becomes.

Expectations are greater and I must say I also wonder whether

many of those possessing God-given, sublime skills are sympathetic enough with the struggles of journeymen pros. Potter (right) must be among the

most unemotional of coaches.

say, Gareth

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By comparison, say, Gareth Southgate is a spitfire and Wenger a dervish.

Meanwhile, Potter may be boiling or bubbling inside but merely strokes his beard.

He and Page are successful representatives of those un-managers (unassertive, unassuming, understated and understanding) upon whom so many clubs depend.

For all their low-key backgrounds, though, the football they promote is anything but boring.

At Stamford Bridge, for the first time in his career, Potter will be working with superstars while Page, for all that he is an international team boss, has had only limited experience of high-octane performers.

These include Gareth Bale and Aaron Ramsey for whom he has succeeded in providing a relaxed atmosphere away from sometimes stormy club life.

Wales' recent achievements suggest Ryan Giggs has not been missed at all.

No doubt Potter's people, fans at Brighton, players and employers, would say something similar. Technically, he remains an innovator.

His approval here comes from Pep Guardiola, who commented: "Brighton are a joy to watch, a joy to manalyse... his players move with freedom and everyone knows what they have to do. They have the courage to play everywhere."

There are, I suspect, challenging times ahead for Potter and Chelsea. To be honest, I can't really wish them particular luck. But I can Page and Wales. They took Giggs' absence in their stride, reached the Euro 2020 knockout phase and then qualified for the Qatar World Cup. For a country of rugby obsession, Wales have an exceptional record of good footballers, admittedly a few of whom qualified because grandpa passed through Cardiff one day.

Not Page, though. He comes from the coalfield village of Tylorstown, once the home of world flyweight champ Jimmy Wilde, famous as 'the ghost with the hammer in his hand'.

The Rhondda will ring to Page's name, too, should Wales wield the hammer to England in Group B in Oatar.

in Group in Qatar. B



From Back Page

Under-21 squad yesterday

Under-21 squad yesterday, signed a five-year contract in 2020 for £10,000 a week and the pay rise to £60,000 a week.
Had the move to Stamford Bridge materialised then Gordon, who sees himself playing Champions League football, might have been looking at multiplying that wage by ten.
Everton, working under tight financial control, cannot afford that much with Yerry Mina their top earner on £6m per year.
Keeper Jordan Pickford, out with a thigh strain, is next on £5m per annum.

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Everton know that if Gordon keeps impressing then Chelsea and other top clubs will be back.

They want to ensure they cash in if that hapmens while rewarding while rewarding while rewarding the control of the

pens — while rewarding Gordon with a pay hike.

US hope

AMERICAN executives believe they can snare hosting rights for the Champions League final by the end of the decade. Uefa President Alek-sander Ceferin first raised the concept of taking European football's show-piece occasion outside of the continent in 2018.

The idea went on the backburner in the wake of the pandemic, but US broadcasters and executives remain hopeful they can entice the world's big-gest club game across the Atlantic at some point. In the short-term the

In the short-term the final is safe on European territory, with this season's showpiece to be played in Istanbul.

The next two already allocated to Wembley and Munich's Allianz Arena.

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From Back Page

there was an applause in the 70th minute to mark the Queen's 70 years on the throne.

An emotional Gerrard revealed Prince William had been in contact.

Gerrard said: "He messaged the club along the lines of, 'I would love to be there'.

"But obviously everyone understands his own personal situation.

"For him to n

ersonal situation.

"For him to message
in the situation he is in,
is impressive. It certainly
surprised me. He is very
much involved in Villa.

"The beauty when he

"That shows what he thinks about this club.
"He is consistently in touch. He's very supportive of the boys — I have

of the boys — I have spoken to him about them.
"It was a special,

"It was a special, emotional night. The club emotional night. The club did an extremely good job to pay our tribute. "To sing the song, the hairs on your neck are standing up. "It felt special, I felt

proud. I was reminiscing about my England days
— about the MBE and

— about the MBE and meeting the Queen.

"I was going back to my personal engagements with the Royal Family.

"So it was very special and credit to the club for putting on a wonderful show before the game. I thought it was very fitting."Hopefully. we rewarded

"Hopefully, we rewarded that with a clean sheet and a win. I'm sure he will be very proud."

Steve Cooper and Marco Silva, the respective man-agers of Nottingham Foragers or Notungnam ror-est and Fulham, carried wreaths as they led their teams out to the centre circle at the City Ground. A minute's silence was also held before the game

which Fulham won 3-2. fans Ground during the tribute.

But they were drowned out by applause before the national anthem.

Ange in fan plea

tribute tribute for tomorrow's game, which comes as Celtic became the subject of Uefa disciplinary pro-ceedings after some fans displayed an anti-Crown displayed an anti-Crown banner during Wednesday's Champions League draw against Shakhtar Donetsk.

against Shakhtar Donetsk.
Hoops boss Postecoglou
said: "I have the same
message to our fans that
we always have. We will
abide by the protocols.
"We will abide by whatever obligations and
responsibilities we have as
a club. We will do that in
a respectful manner we a respectful manner, we want our supporters to do the same."





Stevie case eased the pressure on Steven Gerrard – and sent Aston Villa into the international break feeling a whole lot better about life.

Yet the real heroes were found further back, as much-maligned defenders Tyrone Mings and Ezri Konsa held firm to secure their first

for defence

MINGS & KONSA LIFT GERRARD

Konsa held firm to secure their first clean sheet in a dozen attempts. Gerrard's defence did not buckle on a tense night which ended Villa's worst run of conceding in consecutive games for nine years, to build on their draw with Manchester City. It may not be sexy – but it is a solid start on the road to recovery as Gerrard's men moved up to 13th. Saints threw everything at them, including keeper Gavin Bazunu, in a frantic finale which saw Stuart Armstrong head inches wide. But the relief on Gerrard's face was clear as he thumped his No2 Gary McAllister's back at full-time. Gerrard said: "It wasn't pretty or stylish tonight. "This was all about resilience guts

ANGE POSTECOGLOU has ANGE POSIECUCIOU nas begged Celtic supporters to respect a minute's applause in memory of the Queen before their game at St Mirren. The Paisley club plan the Gerrard said: "It wasn't pretty or stylish tonight.
"This was all about resilience, guts and character. Sticking together.
"We limited them to very little but we know we can play better and look better on the eye. Tonight was all about the result.
"I'm proud of the boys' application and commitment.
"In this league, there's a lot of pressure on the boys at the moment.
"As we move up the table, we will become more calm and relaxed—and look prettier on the eye. I'm confident of that."
Aston Villa captain John McGinn

BRYCE

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Aston Villa captain John McGinn said: "It's huge. We've been criticised this season for not grafting but tonight we fought for every ball.
"If I was watching on the TV, I would've turned it off!" Ralph Hasenhuttl's Southampton arrived on the back of a 12-match run without keeping a clean sheet. While Gerrard's strugglers were just one behind on 11.

It always seemed safe to assume the two Premier League clubs least likely to keep the door shut would serve up a Friday night goalfest. However, against the odds, both

out comfortably on

defences came out comfortably on top for much of the first half.
Thankfully, it could not last. Philippe Coutinho provided the touch of mischief needed to spark the game to life.
Gerrard has been criticised for remaining too loyal to his former team-mate, who had tested the patience of fans by scoring just one goal and providing no assists in his past 17 Prem appearances.
But it was the Brazilian who started to make cracks appear after 34 minutes with a sudden 180-degree spin which left James Ward-Prowse dizzy before he rifled a shot over.
That piece of skill lifted the home fans and Coutinho almost ended the stalemate before the break. He stole in to flash a header goal-

He stole in to flash a header goal-wards from Ashley Young's cross which Bazunu turned away. From the corner, Coutinho worked

a short one-two with Lucas Digne, who then picked out Ollie Watkins to power a header at goal. Bazunu reacted instinctively to

Bazunu reacted instinctively to push it on to his bar, however Ramsey was first to react to volley home the rebound from close range. Villa's fans faced an anxious wait while VAR searched in vain for a stray toe or torso which would have ruled it out. But to Ramsey's relief, there was

out to Rainseys relief, litere was no infringement and his goal stood.
Villa's joy was temporarily dampened when midfielder Boubacar Kamara limped off to be replaced by Douglas Luiz.
However, the Brazilian corner king almost made an instant impact.

almost made an instant impact.

Fresh from scoring direct from flag kicks against Bolton and Arsenal, Luiz almost added a third with a stunning delivery which Bazunu frantically clawed from

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STATS Aston Villa (V)

Shots Shots on target Possession

Passes

Touches in opposition box

Corners

Fouls conceded

Yellow cards Red cards

11

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under his bar to safety. Leon Bailey then flashed a shot wide.

Villa were in no mood to mess around and there were deserved bookings for Coutinho, then Ramsey, for cynical trips on Saints players.

Unfortunately, the action was similarly ugly as both sides struggled to create any clear-cut chances until Saints' late push was resisted.

Saints boss Hasenhuttl accused his young side of being bullied by Villa.

He said: "Physically, Villa are very strong and we were bouncing out of every duel. It seemed to me we were not brave enough."

ASTON VILLA: Marlinez, Young, Konsa, Mings, Digne, Jamsey, (Dendoncker 67) Kamara (Luiz 44), McGinn, Bailey (Buendia 67), Coutinho (Ings 84), Walkins, Booked: Jamsey, Coutinho, Young.

SOUTHAMPTON: Bazunu, Walker-Peter, Belia-Kotchap, Salisu, Peraud (Larios 46), Diallo (Aribo 46), Ward-Prowse, Elyounoussi (Edozie 79), Djenepo, A Armstrong (S Armstrong 71), Adams (Mara 71), Booked: Ward-Prowse.

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Fifa KO's final shot for Chile

By MARTIN LIPTON

CHILE slammed Fifa for allowing "a dark day for football" after Ecuador were cleared to keep their World Cup finals place.

A Fifa panel ruled defender Byron Castillo WAS eligible to play for Ecuador despite his admission he was born in

Ecuador despite his admission he was born in Colombia, three years EARLIER than his official documents claimed. Chile demanded Ecuador

Chile demanded Ecuador forfeit all eight qualification games in which Castillo had featured with a
3-0 defeat. This would have seen Chile grab the last automatic South American qualification spot.

And put them alongside Qatar, Holland and Sene-gal in Group A — and as potential last-16 rivals for

potential last-16 rivals for England or Wales. Chile's case was bolstered as Castillo had made admissions about his birthplace and age in an interview with Ecuadorean officials in 2018. But Fifa said: "The appeal committee confirmed the decision of the disciplinary committee to

disciplinary committee to close the proceedings initiated against the Ecuado-rean Football Association. "It deemed that on the

basis of the documents presented, the player was to be considered as holding permanent Ecuadorian nationality in accordance with Fifa regulations."

with Fifa regulations."
Chilean federation chief
Jorge Yunge blasted: "It is
a dark day for football.
"The world heard a

player who helped Ecuador qualify for the World Cup admit he was born in Colombia and he gained an Ecuadorian passport using false information.'

Yunge confirmed Chile would appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Seagulls' agent rap

By FRANKIE CHRISTOU

BRIGHTON have been hit with a £366,000 fine by the FA for breaching agent regulations.

The Seagulls and their recruitment chief Paul Winstanley — who was fined £6,400 — admitted misinterpreting the roles of agents in transfers over a three-year period.
It included the signing

of Australian goalkeeper Matt Ryan from Valencia for £5.2million in 2017.

for £5.2million in 2017.
The club sorted TEN transfers or new contracts that year where no agent was registered to the deal. Ryan's agent Mikkel Beck was only registered as working for Brighton.
A club spokesman said: "We accept the findings. This was an administrative

This was an administrative error, made in good faith."



(3.0 unless stated)

TODAY

	PREMIER LEAGUE
1	Brighton v Crystal PalaceOFF,PANEL
2	Newcastle v AFC Bournemouth
3	Tottenham v Leicester (Sky Sports Main Event) 5.30
	Wolverhampton v Man City (BT Sport 1) 12.30
	SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP
4	Birmingham v Coventry
5	Burnley v Bristol City

Huddersfield v Cardiff... Luton v Blackburn...... Middlesbrough v Rotherham (SS Football)..... Millwall v Blackpool..... ...7.45

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Jeeney **OUR COLUMNISTS ARE THE TALK OF FOOTBALL**

When you score as nv as

IVAN TONEY is a good friend of mine so I am very chuffed pleased he has got his

England call-up.
It has been a long journey and he is finally getting the recognition he

deserves.

He never made it in the England age groups but he has still played at a really good level for a really long time.

long time.

He left Newcastle and dropped down divisions to prove he could

deliver.

And with the way the England set-up is now, I think his story could become even rarer in years to come so, when we see a story like Ivan's, we have

when Brentford bought him from Peterborough but he is a proper fin-isher and an all-round No 9.

Aside from blis-tering pace, he is good at everything, including his insane penalty record

good at everytning, including his insane penalty record, which Gareth Southgate would have had on his mind after how the Euros ended.

His Brentford boss Thomas Frank has even said in the past that Ivan should be in the squad purely based on that alone – but he has so many other strings to his bow.

If he was doing what he is doing now at a more glamorous club we would be waxing lyrical about him. But because he is at Brentford, it is a bit more unfashionable.

This guy has proven for a few years now that he can do it on the next level.

I remember Ivan was linked with Arsenal and Manchester United previously and he would have shone there. He would have been a perfect fit for United in terms of what they currently need up front, as well as

Arsenal until Gabriel Jesus redefined that role for them. If he has the year he will likely have, even Chelsea will be keeping an eye on him.

He could go there long-term and be a real success under Graham Potter. You look at the certain type of striker nowadays, your Darwin Nunez or Erling Haaland who are 6ft-plus and are mobile and can score all different types of goals, you have to put Ivan in that category.

He has always been a humble kid but he is very confident in his ability and when you score the amount he has over the past two years, you would back yourself.

And he will certainly back himself to impose his character and personality on this current England squad and training camp under Southgate ahead of the

quad and training camp under Southgate ahead of the World Cup.
What makes me say that is how his game evolved massively simply by playing briefly with Christian Eriksen last season at Brentford

son at Brentford.

He used to come deep a lot and yet a few months with Eriksen saw him stay high on the defender's shoulder

on the defenders shoulder and he grabbed more goals.
When he is around better players he lifts and raises his own game and, being at England, will only see him kick on and do more.
Ivan won't get intimidated and he will take his game to a whole new level.

new level.

He really will flourish if he is given the time on the pitch by Southgate.

You'd like to think Southgate is seriously considering Ivan for the World Cup, alongside the likes of Tammy Abraham (above).

We all know Phil Foden, Jack Grealish, Raheem Sterling, Marcus Rashford and Harry Kane are already going.

He has seen enough of them

already. So, in these upcoming fixtures you have to give Ivan and Tammy that chance and

Give them a full game each and see how they do, rather than bringing either on for 20

than bringing either on for 20 minutes.

Give the pair of them a proper challenge and see if they can sustain their club form at international level against two of the very best in Italy and Germany.

Also, Southgate will be arguably more interested to see how

Germany.

Also, Southgate will be arguably more interested to see how Ivan fits in around this group off the pitch.

At World Cups, it is more about the culture and how you mix with the lads socially in a different country for almost a month.

Elsewhere in the squad, there has been a lot of talk about the inclusion of some names who either aren't in form or haven't played much this season.

I am talking of Harry Maguire, Luke Shaw, Kalvin Phillips and Ben Chilwell.

But put yourself in the shoes of

But put yourself in the shoes of Southgate. He has never been let down by these players in an England

down by these players in an England shirt.

Last time they were in a tournament they lost a final on penalties.

Why would you now say someone like Maguire needs to be dropped because of some recent poor form for Manchester United, who aren't playing well themselves?

If he was at Manchester City and not playing well, when the team was flying, perhaps he needs to be dropped but it is not like that.

It is fans getting too caught up in the short-term.

I can see why Southgate has picked the players he has but he can never win.

never win.

Even if he picked his squad based on a poll on Twitter, there would still be complaints.

He will live and die by his decisions but he knows that all too well become

well by now.



ART BACKING BEN FOR CALL

especially after the run of games and performances that he had with us last year, it's difficult to accept.

"He hasn't had any continuity this season and I am concerned about the fact that we don't have him available and when he's been trying to train he's not been feeling 100 per ent fit or pain free.

"We're trying to help him as much as possible because he's such an important player for us and we need him performing at his best level.
"Unfortunately we haven't had him consistently available. This is the main concern we have and we're trying to find a solution to that."

Arteta's immediate priority is maintaining Arsenal's lead at the top of the Premier League table and he knows what is awaiting them at Brentford tomorrow.

He has not

row. He has not otten ine painful defeat at the Bre

ford Community Stadium on the opening day of last season nor Ivan Toney's mocking tweet in the immediate aftermath of that game.

He even used Toney's comments to motivate his team ahead of February's return game at the Emirates.

He said: "Anybody can write what they want. I am here to read it, to judge it and, if necessary, to use it in the way that I feel is most powerful.

"Toney getting called up by England is a great story. This country has had a few extraordinary tales like this in the past few seasons.

"It was the same with

this in the past few seasons.

"It was the same with Jamie Vardy and it means there are opportunities out there for everybody and it's just about showing quality, consistency and belief.

"It can happen at any age and that's a great thing."

ARSENAL: Ramsdale; White, Saliba, Gabriel, Variew, Vakax, Saka, Jesus, Martinelli.

FRANK YOU, GARE

GARETH SOUTHGATE told Thomas Frank to deliver the news to Ivan Toney of

doing

the news to Ivan Toney of his first England call-up. But the Brentford striker thought the gaffer was phoning to tell him off! Toney is in Southgate's 28-man squad for the final two World Cup rehearsals against Italy

and Germany.

Brentford boss Frank
said: "I am very
pleased, but that doesn't beat the hap-piness of Ivan.

"It was a nice lit-tle touch to the story from Gareth. And it just shows

how great a man he is that he texted me in the morning

he texted me in the morning saying Thomas you can break the news to Ivan.

"It's not often that we, as managers and coaches, get to bring the good news.

"It's so rare. Many times it's 90 per cent suffering and 10 per cent joy.

"That was definitely a very joyful moment to be able to call him and give him the good message."

Toney revealed: "I was driving to training and I had a bit of traffic and I had a missed call from the gaffer. I thought he was calling me to say

running late'.

"So I called him back with

"So I caned nim back with my friendly voice 'in Thomas' and he just said he had the privilege of letting me know I had been selected for the senior squad. I didn't know what to say."

Toney's parents did not hold back when their son — who faces Arsenal tomorrow — told them though.

He said: "My mum was screaming for like 20 minutes down the phone and my Dad was out and he was just beeping his horn. It was crazzy."

BRENTFORD (likely): Raya, Hickey, Henry, Jansson, Janetl, Mee, Jensen, Dasilva, Wissa, Toney, Mbeumo.

HOWE DID TOON

EDDIE hopes that Newcastle will never sell a gem like Ivan Toney on the cheap again.

Rafa Benitez
was Magpies manager when hitman
Toney, then 22, was
flogged to Peterbor-

said: "I'd love to think that would not happen now. "When you watch him play now, see his attributes and what he can bring to his team, he's outstanding. "The call-up is a great thing for players who go to the lower leagues and gives them hope it's not the end of their dreams.
"He has had to work his way back up and he has done incredibly well."
While Toney has a massive opportunity to stake a claim for a spot in Gareth Southgate's World Cup squad, Callum Wilson's chances look slim. Wilson's ch look slim. Newcastle's

was looking good for a recall after two goals in his first

three games of the season but a hamstring injury has ruled him out since.

Wilson (below), 30, remains a doubt for today's clash against former club Bournemouth at St James' Park.

But Howe insisted: "Never write off Callum Wilson, his mindset is incredible.
"I don't think his World Cup chance is gone and I don't think Callum believes so, either.
"He can't sit there and dwell and go, 'poor me'.
"He can't sit there and dwell and go, 'poor me'.
"There's time. I'm a firm believer in him and his abilities and I know Gareth Southgate is the same. He has to return, score and be consistent in his availability.
"Maybe he has to have a bit of luck somewhere else to make that plane."

Bourne Leader —

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PEP STILL HAS FAIT

GUARDIOLA has told record signing Jack Grealish to ignore the

signing Jack Grealish to ignore the criticism of his early-season displays. And the Manchester City boss says his other players need to help the £100million man to recapture his best form.

Grealish has scored only six goals in all competitions since moving to the Etihad from boyhood club Aston Villa in the summer of 2021.

What is more, he has provided just four assists in his 44 appearances for the Prem champions so far.

Yet Guardiola insists he does not worry about the numbers — and says he is

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about the numbers — and says he is 'delighted' with the way the England ace is performing.

Having picked up an ankle injury early in the season, he has returned to start both of the last two matches in the Champions League.

Yet against Borussia Dortmund in the Champions League group stage on Wednesday, he was hauled off soon after the visitors took a second-half lead — and City came storming back to win 2-1 without him.

His substitution was greeted with sarcastic cheers by a handful of home supporters, who clearly feel he has yet to justify his British-record price tag.

But the manager clearly still has faith in the wide man and even claims he was let down by his team-mates against the German side.

Guardiola said: "I want him to make goals and I want him to make assists, he does too. But it's not about that.

"It's about his contribution without the ball and what he can produce for the

ball and what he can produce for the

By **MARTIN BLACKBURN**

other ones and the many, many things that he's able to do.

"In the last game, in the final third he was the only one up front who made aggressive runs one against one.

"But he didn't have his mates in the box to make assists — so we left him isolated.

"When he game are in the state of th

"When he goes against the full-back, only Erling Haaland was there. Ilkay Gundogan was not there, Kevin De Bruyne was

De Bruyne was not there. "And they should be

should be there.

"In the first half, especially with the ball, we didn't make any movements to help the players who had the ball — and give more possibilities to make it easier."

His performance against Dortmund came under fire, with talkSPORT pundit Simon Jordan saying he has 'never been a £100million player.

Meanwhile, former Manchester United star Paul Scholes suggested he should have been axed from the England squad this week in favour of Jadon Sancho. Guardiola says Grealish

does not need to listen — and knows himself if he is playing well or not. He added: "I don't talk to them about that — but you can live without listening to anything. "Some players say 'I played bad' but afterwards their friends or the media say they played well — and then they are happy. There is no sense. "You know exactly after the game how you didn't play well, it doesn't matter. "I know him and I'm more than happy and delighted with what he's doing. "It's to be what he is as a football player. All the time we ask them to be themselves, don't just be what the people expect you to be. "Be yourself, as a person and especially as a football player." "And this has to be your only concern, to try in action y to get better today than

SAD ... in action v Dortmund

"And this has to be your only concern, to try to get better today than yesterday — and tomorrow you also have to be better than today.

"I'm not going to ask them to do something they cannot do, or don't want to do.

"You know, and every one of us knows, if you did your best on a specific day.

"Every three more

days, you then have another challenge to be happy and do what you have to do. The rest is not important."

Grealish really caught the eye during City's US tour in the summer and felt he was ready to kick-start his career at the Etihad. Yet he suffered a nasty ankle injury soon after the big kick-off and now Guardiola feels he needs time to get back to where he was. But the City boss has vowed to stand by his man, saying: "It's just a question of time to get back a little bit of his momentum that he had at the beginning of the season.

"I try to give him a little bit of continuity, because he deserves it."

Grealish's problem is that he is competing with Phil Foden, Bernardo Silva, Riyad Mahrez, Cole Palmer and even new boy Julian Alvarez for the wide attacking spots in Pep's team.

But the Spaniard said: "He competes with top, top players as well and he knows it perfectly.

"But he never complains about that. He's such a nice guy and in the games when he didn't play, he's the first to help the team.

"In the training sessions, he's always

when he didn't play, he's the first to help the team.

"In the training sessions, he's always there. I'm delighted with his behaviour and everything else."

City fans would like to see more from their record buy – but Guardiola's faith that he will come good remains as strong as ever.

MANCHESTER CITY (likely): Ederson, Cancelo, Ake, Stones, Gomez, De Bruyne, Rodri, Gundogan, Foden, Haaland, Silva.

MANCHESTER CITY

FIGHT FOR A JERSEY... £100m star after the West Ham game and

(below) with Guardiola



SILVA BACK O SEE HIS STATUE

STAT'S MAGIC — magician David Silva poses in front of the statue built in his honour.

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The man nicknamed Merlin by adoring Manchester City fans was back at the Etihad last week to see his likeness.

Silva made himself even more popular in the blue half of Manchester as his Real Sociedad side won a Europa League clash with United at Old Trafford.

But the Spaniard may have to bow down to another City legend one day...striker Erling Haaland.

The Norwegian has won his first award in a City shirt - being named Premier League Player of the Month for August after scoring nine goals in the month.

Haaland now has 13 goals in all competitions this term, despite playing only eight games for his new club.

And boss Pep Guardiola believes the 22-year-old can improve, saying: "He is exceptional, I've said it many times. I think

By MARTIN BLACKBURN

Hit woodwork MAN CITY (2021-present)

Games

Minutes played

Ave mins per game

Touches

Passes Goals **Assists**

Total shots Hit woodwork

44 3,043

2,076

1,512

69

he has ambition, he wants to play better. But he has the quality to continue what he has done so far.

"He is a perfect person to manage, he is a nice guy. He had the quality before coming here, I didn't add many things."

Haaland said: "I am delighted to win this award for the first time — it was an incredible start of the season for the team and I am grateful to everyone who voted.

"We wanted to hit the ground running this season, so winning four games out of five was a great start in what is the most challenging competition in the world. I'm happy to have played my part by scoring goals.

"Hopefully, I can continue to support the team, make our fans happy with our performances and carry on our strong start."

Haaland edged out Gabriel Jesus, Martin Odegaard, Aleksandar Mitrovic, Nick Pope, wilfried Zaha, Rodrigo and Pascal Gross to scoop the award.

my form back."
Grealish has featured in a variety of positions at City. Asked about his best role, he said: "What got me the move here was playing on the left-wing.
"So I'd say the left-wing or as a No 8."
Grealish hopes new pal Erling Haaland can help get his assist count up.
The ex-Aston Villa man

The ex-Aston Villa man added: "He is a great guy, so fun to be around."

young talent — and new manager Graham Potter is a huge fan of the England international.

international.

The 19-year-old, who scored Dortmund's goal in Wednesday's 2-1 Champions League defeat at Manchester City, joined the Bundesliga outfit from Birmingham for £20million in July 2020.

But his value has skyrocketed since then and is only likely to go higher, with the potential of a starring role at the World Cup with England.

Bellingham was named in the Three Lions squad for the upcoming Nations

Bellingnam was named in the Three Lions squad for the upcoming Nations League ties with Italy and Germany and has been tipped to start.

Chelsea, who spent £259.1m in the summer, will also soon be on the hunt for replacements for Jorginho and N'Golo Kante.

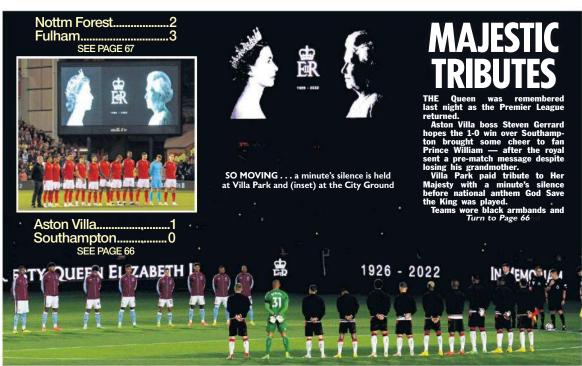
Before the City clash, Bellingham said: "The club have done loads for me and made me feel very welcome since I first came — gave me the opportunities to develop even further.

"To look past that and into the future would be disrespectful."

even further.







<u>Blues join</u> Jude fight

EXCLUSIVE By JACK ROSSER

CHELSEA will do battle with Manchester United and Liverpool for Jude Bellingham next summer.

The Borussia Dortmund midfielder is a target for a number of top clubs in Europe. The German side



adamant that, with Erling Haaland having joined Manche City, ham ster Belling-(left) would not be

sold during the most recent window. But clubs are already lining up to

make a move next year.

And after a recordbreaking summer under
new owner Todd Boehly,
Chelsea hope to be in the
mix. The Blues are looking

He's cash Gordon!

By KEN LAWRENCE

EVERTON opened talks with in-demand Anthony Gordon new bumper deal on a new bumper deal worth SIX times his salary. And Frank Lampard's Toffees may have to agree to a £75million release clause in a bid to ward off Chelsea and other suitors in January.



Lam-Boss pard confirmed contract talks are under way with 21-year-old winger Gordon (left), who is at £60m, after chairman Todd

valued at Chelsea

Boehly was only prepared to go to £40m.
Lamps said: "The club is speaking with Anthony and his people to see if we can get the right solution."

Gordon, who was named in Lee Carsley's England Turn to Page 65

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Stoute to lead racing mourners there, as will Royal racing manager John Warren.

However Frankie Dettori — who also got an invite — will not be there. Dettori (right) has been booked to ride Nations Pride for Charlie Appleby at Belmont in New York and is not beek in time LEGENDS from racing will attend By JACK KEENE respects to Her Majesty at fixthe Queen's funeral on Monday.
Each of the trainers on her roster have been sent invites to be among 2,000 mourners at Westminster Abbey at 11am. Many will also be at Windsor Castle later. Royal winners. Ryan Moore, who famously won the Ascot Gold Cup on the Stoute-trained Estimate, has also been invited and will attend. Nicky Henderson, William Haggas, John Gosden, Michael Bell and Clive Cox are also expected to pay their respects.

Other famous faces like Willie Carson and Brough Scott will be tures around the country with tributes and a minute's silence. Trainer Heather Main — who used to be an opera singer — will perform the National Anthem at Newbury which will Sir Michael Stoute and Andrew Balding were first names on the list. Both Stoute and the Balding family were close to Her Majesty and have a rich history of training York and is not back in time.

There will be no racing in Britain on Monday although there are two meetings in Ireland. Today, the sport will continue to pay its be shown on ITV4.

The Berkshire track will have several tributes to the Queen, and there will also be a book of condolence for racegoers to sign. **FREE WITH** CORAL Saturday, association September 17,







CORAL GET CLOSER TO THE ACTION

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Favourite SUPER SUNRACING: WE'RE

RACING is often divided but it has been united in showing appreciation for late Queen Elizabeth II's

been united in showing appreciation for late Queen Elizabeth Il's love and support of the sport.

Most feel Her Majesty's backing has been invaluable. I am certainly one of those.

But before the Queen's sad passing what did we actually do to show that?

The more I think about it, the gains from Royal patronage have been taken for granted.

And for that reason moving forward I believe we might be able to do something rather magical at our major race-meetings — the ones watched around the world — which could only promote British Racing PLC around the globe.

I have a passion for music. I'm the son of a music historian, was a classical music scholar while growing up and now enjoy a mixture of funky deep house and relatively light drum and bass.

Music adds class and atmosphere to many occasions. It can even create a tone for the day and, let's face it some of our big Festivals — which suffer from drug taking, yobbish drunken behaviour and violence — could certainly benefit from something a more cultured.

Since the Queen passed, the National Anthem has been played on course prior to each fixture, there has also been a period of silence.

The singing aspect I have enjoyed, and it has seemed to me that it's really brought a sense of coming together on a raceday.

We have become used to the Royal Family being present at Ascot, the Derby, possibly King George and Champions' Day.

Group 1 or Grade 1 days the National Anthem is performed or played. I can't think of any negative and numerous positives. If nothing else it shows we value what we have. And might just be important one day. This time last year I had the tipping day of my life when banging in the winners of both the Ayr Gold and Silver Cups. Now we all know lightning can strike twice, but then again we also all know it's unlikely!

It's even more unlikely the same horse will win again.

After all I am told the last horse to win back-to-back Ayr Gold Cups was Heronslea in the 1930s.

Call me mad but . . I really believe Bielsa has every chance of doing just that He is only a lb



Jamie joy was hard to take

tnat it's really brought a sense of coming together on a raceday.

We have become used to the Royal Family being present at Ascot, the Derby, possibly King George and Champions' Day.

But racing itself has done little in return. And yet now everyone wants King Charles III and Camilla, Queen Consort, to carry on what is effectively free promotion of the sport.

I would suggest before racing on all Group 1 or Grade 1 days the National Anthem is performed or played. I can't think the suggest before racing on played. I can't think the suggest before racing on played. I can't think the suggest before racing on played. I can't think the suggest before racing on played. I can't think the suggest before racing on all the business suggest before racing on all the business suggest before racing on all the business suggest before racing on played. I can't think the suggest before racing on all the business suggest before racing on all the business suggests as a well-handicapped horse again. I'll be on each-way.

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Last year the draw played a big well-handicapped horse again. Till be on each-way.

Last year the draw played a big well-h Ripon last time and will get a stronger pace this afternoon. I've been on tour this week, ending up at Ayr for ITV via Newcastle and Yarmouth. I never forget how lucky I am to do this job.

That said, Newcastle was a tough it to present on telly as I failed in

That said, Newcastle was a tough gig to present on telly as I failed in my bid to land Racing League for London & South and was well and truly hammered by Jamie Osborne. I stood next to Osborne after his Toast Of New York was narrowly defeated in the Breeders' Cup Classic a few years ago and his tears of disappointment were hard to bear. I genuinely felt for the lad.

However, his gloating on Thursday evening was something else!
So now, on reflection, thank goodness for Bayern taking the big prize at Santa Anita! Yeeehaaa!



VADREAM (3.40) can come true in the Ayr Gold Cup.

She put in her best run of the season in a Listed race last time

She put in her best run of the season in a Listed race last time and the trip is ideal.

Khanjar is improving fast and has more to offer. He's a threat, along with last year's winner Bielsa, in-form Commanche Falls and old favourite Mr Wagyu, who was on the podium 12 months ago.

COMMANCHE FALLS ***

FALLS up. Won the Stewards' Cupand ran another cracker when second at York last time. Can go closer than last year's seventh.

SIR DANCEALOT *

NO Sir. Group 2 winner at best but on the slide.

ESCOBAR **

BAR high. Often runs well in big handicaps but best over further and went well at a mile last time. Should lack pace.

By TEMPLEGATE (Steve Mullen)

VADREAM ★★★★

DREAM is on. Autumn horse who ran best race of the season in a Newmarket Listed latest. Likes trip

Newmarket Listed latest. Likes trip and give in the ground.

ZARZYNI ★★★

ZAR wars. Has won over this trip but best recent efforts over five furlongs. Likes it soft but 5lb higher than last win.

MR WAGYU ★★★

YU bet. Improved with age and a good third 12 months ago from 5lb lower. Ran a cracker at The Curragh and likes trip on soft.

DOCUMENTING ★

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DOC leave. Solid over seven furlongs but hasn't tried this trip for a long time and high in weights.

SUMMERGHAND ***

SUMMER lovin. Gone well in this before and is 10lb lower than last

year's eighth. Likes a big field and could nick a place.

VOLATILE ANALYST **
LYST missed. Listed winner earlier this year but has been struggling and still high in the weights.

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POPMASTER ★★

GONE Pop. Likes trip but pick of form in quicker conditions. Needs more from 5lb above last win.

BIELSA ★★★★

BIEL deal. Won this last year and only 1lb higher. Unlucky at Chester last time. In the hunt again.

GULLIVER ★★★

GUILL with the property of two.

GULL must fly. Not won for two years and 13th last year. Better than that but needs his best form.

BER stir. Improved for blinkers and impressive when winning in a big field at York latest.

KHANJAR ***

KHAN do. Easy winner at Hay-



SILVESTRE DE SOUSA dare

SILVESTRE DE SOUSA dare not put his phone on silent.

For the sake of a moment's peace and quiet, he could end up missing out on a fortune.

But the former champion jockey knew what he was signing up for when he swapped the UK for Hong Kong last month.

The Brazilian, 41, has had stints riding in the Far East in the past, but decided to make the full time switch several months ago after losing his job as retained jock to King Power.

It's not an exaggeration to say Hong Kong is the most cut throat racing jurisdiction in the world — but, for De Sousa, the reward outweighs the risk.

Not only do jockeys in Hong Kong have to book their own rides, but they have to deal with ultra-competitive, super-rich and temperamental owners who don't

ultra-competitive, super-rich and temperamental owners who don't deal in second chances. On the

By JACK KEENE

flip side of the coin, the sums of money on offer are nothing short of life-changing. Even the lowest grade races are worth £80,000. It's as full-on and fast-paced a lifestyle as a jockey can have, for all they only race twice a week. De Sousa's alarm will go off a little before 5am each morning in his swish anartment overlook-

little before 5am each morning in his swish apartment overlooking Happy Valley racecourse. A quick cup of coffee later, his driver will make the mad dash through the early morning traffic to Sha Tin racecourse, where he will ride several lots of work. Then he will spend the rest of the day working the phones and socialising with owners, trying to build relationships and get rides. It's chalk and cheese with the racing in England and Ireland in

racing in England and Ireland in every way imaginable.

De Sousa had 350 rides on the

Flat in Britain this year before jetting off to the bustling Far East. And the sums add up.

He won £700,000 prize-money during that time in the UK – an average of £2,000 per ride.

Yet, after just Two meetings of the new season in Hong Kong – with two winners from his 14 rides – De Sousa has already bagged over £350,000 at a staggering £25,000 per ride.

No wonder he has no plans to return to Blighty anytime soon.

De Sousa said: "It's great to be back in Hong Kong – it hasn't changed much, life still goes at 100mph. There is nowhere else in the world like it and the racing is just as fast-paced."

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"I'd never say never to returning to the UK, but to be honest I was ready for a new challenge and this was too good an oppor-

tunity to miss.
"I ride out every morning and,

ALL YOU NEED EVERY SATURDAY



REAM RESUL

dock on firm and William Haggas thinks a lot of him. Big chance if

GIS A SUB **
SUB benched. Few miles on the clock but struggling this season, including at York last time. High in weights.

FIVETHOUSANDTOONE ***

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GIMME Five. Improved to win over this trip at Goodwood and 5lb penalty gives him a chance.

HONEY SWEET **

SWEET sour. Listed winner in France over this trip on soft but shown little since moving to UK.

CHIEFOFCHIEFS ***

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CHIEF threat. Back to last winning mark and ran well at Royal Ascot. Trip suits.

MOTAGALLY **

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MOT test. Two years since last win and held in the Portland at Doncaster. This looks a tall order.

TINTO ***
TIN the mix. Couple of wins over this trip earlier this season and went well in Stewards' Cup.

LUCKY MAN **

MAN alive. Won at York last time. Trip ideal and 5lb penalty gives a chance at huge odds.

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ADMIRAL D ***

ADS up. Running well without winning and trip suits. More rain would give him a chance.

PENDLETON *

PEN dry. Has been hit and miss for a while and last win came over five furlongs.

JUAN LES PINS **

LES miss. Solid form at lower levels and likes trip. This is too tough.

ALEFTDANCER ***

ALEEZDANCER ***

AL your pal. Consistent and a good effort at York last time after win at Ripon. Trip suits so a decent outsider.





even though we only have a couple of meetings a week, you spend a lot of your free time making connections and meeting with people in racing.
"Networking is a crucial part of a jockey's job here.
"I have regular catch-ups with owners and trainers, you can't afford to be complacent.
"If you don't see a text message or you don't see a text message

"If you don't answer the phone or you don't see a text message straight away you will lose a ride, it's as simple as that.
"You snooze . . . you lose.
"You must be totally on the ball 24 hours a day seven days a week. There is nowhere else in the world where it is so tough and so competitive.

the world where it is so tough and so competitive. "And just because you win on a horse it doesn't mean you're going to keep the ride the next time it runs.

"And you certainly can't afford to make mistakes. If you mess

up you won't ride the horse again, simple as that. So you have to be very sharp and totally focussed all the time.

"It can be very intense but, at the same time, the prize-money and the competition is great. It's an amazing place to ride."

Much like neighbouring Japan, racing fans in Hong Kong are borderline fanatical.

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Taching fails in Hong Rong are borderline fanatical.

They treat jockeys like superstars. Whereas De Sousa would walk around town unnoticed in the UK, in Hong Kong he will asked for an autograph while out eating a bowl of noodles.

And the two tracks in Hong Kong are totally unique.

Happy Valley is like Chester on steroids and smack-dab in the middle of the city, while the gigantic grandstand of Sha Tin, which can hold over 100,000

which can hold over 100,000 punters, is closer to the suburbs. The atmosphere on a raceday

is wild and raucous. It is unlike anything jockeys experience in England — bar maybe a student night at Newcastle!

De Sousa said: "Every race meeting it's a full house and the fans will be shouting your name and making a lot of noise.
"Racing is the most popular sport in Hong Kong and the people love to have a bet. "They will cheer your name after you have a winner — but if you go on a losing run they will creating let you hear it."

He added: "The season is only just starting up and the new crop of four-year-olds, who are the 'Classic' generation out here, are starting their trials.
"With a bit of luck I will get on a nice one and I can find a horse to take me to the big days throughout the season."

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For De Sousa, the Far East is full of promise – as long as his phone doesn't run out of charge.

IT's been a dark week for us all—but we have seen two good young jockeys shine bright.

First David Egan won the St Leger on a sombre yet uplifting day at Doncaster last Sunday.

Then on Thursday little Saffie Osborne had a night to remember in the Racing League.

David is a great young lad and works very hard.

Back in July he chose to end his retainer with Prince Faisal and that meant he ended his association with Mishriff.

It could have backfired but David, even though he is only 23, is very much his own man and has knuckled down and got on with things. He was rewarded with Eldar Eldarov's St Leger win. I was delighted for him. He rode a good race, the horse is a goliath. He was a deserved winner.

I rode Giavelloto in the Classic and he ran a massive race. We nearly got wiped out and could have ended up on the deck so, let's just say, I was not best pleased with Frankie's ride on Haskoy!

It was the right decision by the stewards to demote him from second to fourth. That meant we moved up a place to third—but I'm confident we would have finished second but for the trouble.

At least we know for sure we have a lovely stayer to go to war with in Giavelloto.

He gets buzzy before his races and at home, that's just him. He may have to grow up by himself, or he may need to be gelded, but the ability is certainly there.

As for 20-year-old Saffie, she was sensational at Newcastle to win the leading jockeys' title in the Racing League. She went into the night needing a miracle and got one with three winners to catch Sean Levey.

Her dad Jamie was a very happy team manager of Wales & West and I was pleased to do my bit.

All the riders got points to help the team beat Matt Chapman and his London & South side.

Saffie told me she was especially delighted the team beat was especially delighted the team beat was a very happy team manager of Wales & West and I was pleased to do my bit.

GLOBE-TROTTING GROUP 1 JOCKEY in association with

David has a goliath

maybe now her dad will stop talking about it. In fact she said it's the only thing he has spoken to her about for the last six weeks!

I'm at Newbury this afternoon for five rides including a couple of two-year-olds making their debuts.

Of those to have already run, ATTAGIRL (2.15) is a big-looking 33-1 in the Group 3. She won a Listed race last season and bounced back to form at Doncaster last week. She should outrun her odds.

TARTAIN CHIEF (4.35) looks to be my best chance. He has been very consistent on his last few starts and the Coles are stepping him up to a mile and a half for the first time. My final ride of the day is RAINBOW FIRE (5.10) for Marco.

This is his first start for the yard since moving from the Gosdens and being gelded. It's a tough race but we'll know more about him after it.

THE whole team at Paul Nicholls yard were incredibly saddened by the passing of the Queen.

passing of the Queen.
Her Majesty was an incredible woman. We were privileged to have her visit the stable.
You could see how much she enjoyed meeting the horses and talking about them. Her love for racing shone through.
I had a brief conversation with Her Majesty about Frodon and she told me how impressed she was with his win at the Chelshe was with his win at the Chel-

she was with his win at the Cheltenham Festival.

I was very happy to tell her we had a foal by her stallion Dartmouth at home in Devon and she was very happy about that!

My thoughts are also with the De Bromhead family. The passing of 13-year-old Jack in a pony riding accident was heartbreaking, I can't imagine what they're going through.

And I want to send my best wishes to jockey Chester Williams who is in hospital after a fall on the gallops—get well soon Chester.

It's great to be back with Sun Racing for another season, and things are really starting to ramp up as we

It's great to be back with sun kacing for another season, and things are really starting to ramp up as we head into the autumn.

I haven't ridden in a race since my fall at Aintree back in April, but I've completed all my fitness tests so I hope to get the green light to return to the saddle in the coming days.

I've still been riding out every morning at Ditcheat and it's been flat out for a little while now.

The horses are getting rid of their summer bellies and starting to get their six-packs back!

There is a lot to look forward to this season, though it goes without saying Frodon is still the one I'm



Sad times for racing

most excited about. I've been riding him in his work and he feels sensa-

nim in his work and ne reeis sensa-tional — he has nearly thrown me out of the saddle four of five times. We have Topofthegame returning from a long injury this year and we are all buzzing to see him back on the track. Also, we can't wait to get Monmiral over fences.

Monmiral over rences.

One horse to keep an eye out for is Byorderofthecourt. He joined the yard after winning his point-to-point and I've been very impressed with him. He is one to follow.

Keep kicking!

avourite DON'T BELIEVE THE REST ... WE'RE THE BEST

NEWBURY ITV4: 1.40, 2.15, 2.50 & 3.25

TEM	PLEGATE
1.10	Lieber Power
1.40	Siskany
2.15	Tis Marvellous
2.50	Sakheer
3.25	Warren Point
4.00	Palamon
4.35	Enforced
5.10	. Ascot Adventure
TOM	PEPPER
110	Evanlanat

	Ascot Adventure PEPPER
1.10	Exoplanet
1.40	Dubai Future
2.15	Tis Marvellous
2.50	Heroism
3.25	Warren Point
4.00	Afterlife
4.35	Enforced
5.10	Rainbow Fire

TIC-TAC: L-H oval track of 1m 7f, straight mile joins the main circuit just under 5f from home. DRAW: High numbers best in large fields, especially in very soft ground.

soft ground.

FAVOURITES: (2017-2022): 334 have won out of 1,078 (31.0%). At the previous corresponding meetings, 39 have won out of 156 races (25.0%).

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TRAINERS with best record in TRAINERS with best record in last 14 days: R Varian 12 wins from 40 runners; S & E Crisford 8 from 20; C Appleby 10 from 28; J Boyle 6 from 21; W Haggas 8 from 37; C Cox 7 from 33; G Boughey 8 from 38.

JOCKEYS with best record

JOCKEYS with best record in last 14 days: R kingscote 7 wins from 39 rides; G Mangan 3 from 14; David Egan 5 from 25; C Bishop 3 from 20; A Keeley 2 from 14; A Kirby 2 from 14 TRAINERS who have had the most runners since last win: Kirk 43; B Mechan 33; J Parr 28. JOCKEYS who have had the most rides since last win: L Steward 32; N Callan 28.

TOP TRAINERS

2017-2022 R Hannon 57-476, W Haggas 46-192, J & T Gosden 40-172, H & R Charlton 30-175, A Balding 30-257, E Walker 22-160, C Appleby 21-68, R Varian 20-148, C Hills 14-162 THIS SEASON: W Haggas 10, R Hannon 9, C Appleby 8, E Walker 6.

TOP JOCKEYS

2017-2022 T Marquand 34-229, D Probert 17-228, R Kingscote 13-143, A Kirpl 31-61, C Bishop 13-166, P Dobbs 12-118, David Egan 12-122, R Hornby 11-160, M Harley 5-94, A Keeley 2-5, THIS SEASON: T Marquand 12, P Dobbs 5, D Probert 4.

TRAINER TRACE

FIRST RACE FOR NEW YARD: 5.10 Rainbow Fire J & T Gosden to M Botti. RACEFAX: R Fahey won the 2.50 in 2013 & 2015. C Cox won the 2.50 in 2016 & 2021. J & T Gosden won the 1.10 in 2017 & 2019, and won the 4.00 in 2017 & 2019. Sir M Stoute won the 1.40 in 2014 & 2021

in 2014 & 2021. LONGEST TRAVELLERS: White Lavender (2.15) & Attagirl (2.15) trained by K R Burke, Leyburn, trip of 490 miles; Look Out Louis (2.15) trained by J Camacho, Malton, trip of 458 miles.

IN THE MONEY

MONEY TALKS: Unspoken (5.10) opened 10-3 unplaced at 85-40f; Manaccan (2.15) opened 2-1 won at 13-8f; Adaay To Remember (2.15) opened 3-1 unplaced at 5-2f; Tomfre (5.10) opened 7-1 unplaced at 11-2; Special Envoy (3.25) opened 7-2 unplaced at 3-fif

unplaced at 3-1/f.

TOP EARNERS:
1.40 Dubai Future£487,019
5.10 Trais Fluors£395,653
2.15 Tis Marvellous£373,365 **UNDER ORDERS**

SEVEN-DAY WINNERS: None. BLINKERED FIRST TIME: 4.35 Danehill Kodiac; 5.10 Aldhaja. VISORED FIRST TIME: 5.10

King Of Jungle.
FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None today. WEIGHTWATCHER: 4.35 Sir

WEIGHTWATCHER: 4.35 Sir Rumi (won off 89 down 4lb to 85); 5.10 Tomfre (won off 101 down 9lb to 92); Trais Fluors (won off 92 down 12lb to 80) JOB JOCKEYS: D Probert rides Kemari (1.40) for C Appleby, 6 from 16, 38%. R Clutterbuck rides Age Of Sail (4.35) for Joseph Parr, 4 from 14, 29%.

RACINGTV EBF NOVICE STAKES (DIV 1) (Class 4); 2-y-o; winner £5,400; 7f. Straight. (15 runners) (15 runners)
Neit Callan
Tom Marquand
Paul Hanagan
Rhys Clutterbuck (3)
Adam Kirby 76
Marin Harley 90
Aidan Keeley (5)
Bod Egan
Rob Hornby
George Bass (3)
Louis Steward
Pat Dobbs
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Trevor Whelan 93 AUTOLYCUS A Perrett 9-7... BAUHINIA RHAPSODY E Walker 9-7... BODORGAN C Hills 9-7... BAUHINIA RHAPSODY E Walker 9-7...
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43 BUSSENTO SE J-Houghton 9-7.
CITY CYCLOME 9 & C'Michier 9-7.
6 CLASSIC SPEED 8-6 C Cox 9-7.
63 CONOUSTADOR 3-8 1-8 T Gooden 9-7.
EL PEQUENO PULPO J Boyle 9-7.
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ELD R BOWER A Balding 9-7...
UNCLE R Hannon 9-7...
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EVOUN ZAMAN 22 H & R C Charlton 9-7.
UNCLE R Hannon 9-7... 05 YOUM ZAMAN 22 H & R Charlton 9-7 14 (3) UNIVER HAMINIOTSY. PARL DOUGH 15 (1) 05 YOUM ZAMAN 22 H & R Charlton 9-7. Trevor Whelan 6 BETTING: 11-4 Bussento, 9-2 Exoplanet, 5 Classic Speed, 7 Conquistador, 8 Feuc WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 0 1 4 2 2021: Dubai Poet 9-5 Andrea Atzeni 5-6 Fav (R Varian) drawn 8, 13 ran. Trevor Whelan 93

DUBAI DUTY FREE LEGACY CUP STAKES (GROUP 3) £39,697; 1m 3f (9 runners)

1-0145 SOLID STONE 14 (P;CD) (1) Sir M Stoute 6-9-10 . Richard Kingscote
Runs: 26 Wins: 8 (2F,2A,GS,3G) Places: 9 £283,
Last year's winner, runs on and off the bridle, one to watch closely

2 2-1560 MAX VEGA 28 (C) (6) R Beckett 5-9-8 ... Rob Hornby 90 Runs: 16 Wins: 3 (S.G.S.G) Places: 4 £138,426 Won a Grp 3 here earlier in the season, stays well, well respected

450413 DUBAI FUTURE 56 (P)
(3) S bin Surroor 6-9-5...... Martin Harley •99
ns: 23 Wins: 6 (2F,A2G) Places: 6 £487,019
pressive win at Royal Ascot, slow pace against him at York, do better 135530 FANCY MAN 28

15 8-5422 KEMARI 50 (P;D) (7) C Appleby 4-9-5.....David Probert 94 Runs: 10 Wins: 2 (FG) Places: 3 £199,001 Strong stayer, conditions will suit but he's not the quickest, e-w claims

8 3-133 LYSANDER 92 (T★) (8) W Haggas 3-8-13 Tom Marquand Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 1 £3 Well regarded, solid effort in a Grp 2 at Royal Ascot, respected Runs £37.955

9 41215 STAY ALERT 77 (C)
(9) H Morrison 3-8-10 David Egan 92
Runs: 5 Wins: 2 (A,GS) Places: Useful filly, not beaten far in a Grp 2 at Haydock in July, more to come

BETTING: 11-4 Dubai Future, 10-3 Siskany, 4 Kemari, 5 Solid Stone WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 2 3 3 4 2021: Solid Stone 5-9-6, W Buick 12-1 (Sir M Stoute), dr 2, 5 ran.

Sunracing FORM

SOLID STONE (9-12) 8-1 no extra if out, 5th of 8 (4/xl) to Mostahdaf (9-10) (Kempton I'/m Grp 3 £56,710 good), 5IKANY (9-4) 7-4f no extra, 3rd of (Kempton I'/m Grp 3 £51,039 AW), FANCY MAN (9-11) 35-1 weakened, 1th of 20 (btn 7²/xl) to Trawlerman (9-4) MAX VEGA (9-11) 65-1 weakened, 7th (btn 17) (20 ran) (York F)/m hoap (2) £300,000 good to firm), 5UB RUTUR (9-8) 7-1 close up, 512 (9-10) 82-9 (9-10)

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

SISKANY hasn't run for six months but did well when last seen with a win at Meydan before going close in Saudi. He stays and likes a little give in the ground. Charlie Appleby will have him fit enough to go. Solid Stone won this 12 months ago and kicked off this season with a Chester success. He was below par at Kempton last time but could easily bounce back. Dubai Future was unlucky in the Group 2 York Stakes in July and returns from a short break. He stays well and won't be far away. Kemari went close at Goodwood and will try to nick this from the front.

DUBAI AIRPORT WORLD TROPHY STAKES (GROUP 3) £39,697; 5f (13 runners)

1 20-200 **DILIGENT HARRY 63 (D)**(13) C Cox 4-9-3. Adam Kirby 97
(Runs: 10 Wins: 3 (3A) Places: 4 £79,381
Well regarded, found things tough in Group company, check betting

2 250490 EXISTENT 21 (T;D) (8) S Williams 4-9-3...Richard Kingscote Runs: 19 Wins: 3 (S,2A) Places: 4 £55, Frustrating type, best when allowed to track a fast pace, do better

3 210101 LOOK OUT LOUIS 14 (P;D)
(3) J Camacho 6-9-3.....Barry McHugh 92
Runs: 37 Wins: 10 (3;2A,2GS,3G) Places: 9 £151,713
Travelled well when winning a hot heap at Haydock, more to come

4 7-4300 METHOD 49 (C) (4) M Meade 4-9-3. Rob Hornby 88 Runs: 11 Wins: 2 (F.G) Places: 2 £37,232 Talented but very frustrating, hard to predict and others appeal more

5 521803 MOUNTAIN PEAK 14 (D) (6) E Walker 7-9-3 Tom Marquand Runs: 43 Wins: 10 (7F,2A,G) Places: 8 £192 Useful hcapper, but improvement needed to make an impact

31-601 TIS MARVELLOUS 21 (T;D) C Cox 8-9-3.....Paul Hanagan 42 Wins: 9 (S,3F,2GS,2G) Places: 6 £37 Runs Classy, powerful performance in the Beverley Bullet, go close

7 752131 MANACCAN 10 (T;D)
17 J Bryan 3-9-2 Pat Dobbs 99
Runs: 11 Wins: 3 (2F.G) Places: 3 £104,857
Powerful, won with plenty in the tank at Donny latest, one to beat MIS -21120 MITBAAHY 50 (D) Runs 9 3 (12) Runs: 9 Consister 9 33-425 ADAAY TO REMEMBER 27 (BF) (12) P Owens 4-9-0 Louis Steward 85 Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (26) Places: 6 £45,444 Consistent filly, may find things happening too quick over 5f (10) A Balding 6-9-0 David Probert 91 Runs: 22 Wins: 6 (3F 2-6, G) Places: 6 £177,470 Ran a cracker in a Grp 1 at Haydock latest, goes on any ground, go well | 11 | 951473 TERESA MENDOZA 27 (P,T) | (5) | K Condon (Ire) 4-9-0.... Martin Harley | 93 | Runs: 18 | Wins: 2 (G) | Places: 7 | Elocation (1988) | Places: 1989 | Places: 11 Rur 12 Runs Smor 13 - 97673 **ATTAGIRL** 10 (**D**) Neil Callan 90 Runs: 11 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 3 £59,403 Powerful traveller, shaped well at Donny latest, place claims 13 BETTING: 3 Manaccan, 4 Tis Marvellous, 7 Mitbaahy, 8 Diligent

Harry, 10 Adaay To Remember, Chil Chil, 12 Teresa Mendoza WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 1 2 3 8

2021: Hurricane Ivor 4-9-1, Tom Marquand 4-1 (W Haggas), dr 3, 8 ran.

Sunracing FORM

CHIL CHIL (9-6) 12-1 held up in touch, nudged along 2f out, switched right and headway if out, kept on, 8h for 13 (10-10) (10-

zr out, taded, 10th (bth 5/sl) (Beverley 5f Listed (f) £28,355 good).

LOOK OUT LOUIS (9-2) 11-1 made all, keen, quickened clear ff out, reduced lead final 110yds, bt Korker (9-9) 11/sl MOUNTAIN PEAK (9-12) 14 1 buyded d

Commanche Falls (9-5) METHOD (9-4) 33-1 mid-dhistian, ridden 27 out. 17th (btm 11) (28 ran) (30 ootwood 61 hcap (2) £128,850 good to firm). MANACCAN (10-0) 13-8 fav led 110 yards out, ran on well, readily, bt Mo Celita (9-10) 11/4 ATTAGIRL (9-9) 20-1 headway 27 out, stayed on one pace, 3rd (btm 3) (8 ran) (Doncaster 51 Listed (1) £34,026 good). EXISTENT (9-4) 33-1 always ran, 9th OMITBAAHY (9-0) 5-1 always in rear, 10th (btm 5/4) (11 ran) (Goodwood 5 Grp 2 (1) £170,130 good to firm). TERESA MEMDOZA (9-7) 8-1 stayed

10th (btn 51/4) (11 ran) (Goodwood C. Grp 2 (1) £170,130 good to firm). TERESA MENDOZA (9-7) 8-1 stayed

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TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

TIS MARVELLOUS was impressive when winning the Listed Beverley Bullet last time. He was well on top there over this trip and he goes on any ground. He'll be right there again. Manaccan is in fine form and followed his Shergar Cup win with victory at Donny. He's best over this trip and can continue on a swift upward curve. Chil Chil was far from disgraced in the Group 1 Sprint Cup at Haydock over 6f and will be a threat if coping with this drop in trip. Mountain Peak ran well in a hot handicap at Haydock latest and is another with place claims. Mitbaahy didn't handle Goodwood last time but his earlier form is very solid. He can go bounce for in-form pair Roger Varian and David Egan. Of the rest, a big run from the quirky but talented Existent would not surprise.

BIG-RACETRENDS

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Yr	G	Ran	Winner	Age	Jockey	Trainer	SP	Wt	UK	Dr	Days
21	Gd	9	WINGS OF WAR	2	Kirby, A	Cox, C G	17/2	9-1	100	8	14
20	Gd	8	ALKUMAIT	2	Crowley, J	Tregoning, M	8/1	9-1	91	1	53
19	GF	8	PIERRE LAPIN	2	Atzeni, A	Varian, R	9/4	9-1	0	6	120
18	Sft	7	KESSAAR	2	Dettori, L	Gosden, J	10/3	9-1	107	2	14
17	Gd	9	JAMES GARFIELD	2	Dettori, L	Scott, G	10/3	9-1	106	3	31
16	GS	7	HARRY ANGEL	2	Kirby, A	Cox, C G	2/1	9-1	0	1	133
15	GS	6	RIBCHESTER	2	Doyle, J	Fahey, R A	13/8	9-1	0	3	28
14	Sft	6	T00C00LF0RSCH00L	. 2	Sousa, S De	Burke, KR	4/1	9-1	103	6	8
13	Sft	7	SUPPLICANT	2	Hamilton, T	Fahey, R A	7/2	9-1	103	8	26
12	GF	8	MOOHAAJIM	2	Kirby, A	Botti, M	5/2	9-1	0	6	62
11	GF	9	CASPAR NETSCHER	2	Fallon, K	McCabe, A J	15/8	9-4	114	3	29
10	GF	7	TEMPLE MEADS	2	Mullen, R	McMahon, ES	4/1	9-1	102	2	31

SAKHEER we go in the

Mill Reef Stakes.

Most winners of this
Group 2 contest had already broken their duck before heading to New-

That gives **Wallop** a mountain to climb.

For those runners with an official rating, seven of the past eight were in three figures.

figures.
So Charyn and Rousing Encore come up short on that

2.50 Newbury

Mustajab who is set to go off at around the 33-1 mark.

That leaves us with three still standing - Sakheer, Shouldvebeenaring and Her-

They all have the important distance win to their

name.

It's not easy to win this after just one run, which is

arter just one run, which is zore come up short on that acrore.

This hasn't been a race for outsiders, with 17-2 the siggest price we have seen in the past decade or so.

That spells bad news for

2.50 DUBAI DUTY FREE MILL REEF STAKES (GROUP 2) 2-Y-0; £47,778; 6f (7 runners)

1 12 CHARYN 21 (D)
(7) R Varian 9-3 Tom Marquand 89
Runs: 2 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 1 £12,336
Well regarded, not beaten far at Newmarket latest, place claims

2 (6) C Cox 9-3 ... Adam Kirby 94 (D) Runs: 1 Wins: 1 (F) ... \$5,130 Smart prospect in the making, slick win at Salisbury latest, go well

3 51 MUSTAJAAB 23 (D)
(4) W Muir & C Grassick 9-3 Lewis Edmunds 4
Runs: 2 Wins: 1 (GS)
Plenty to find at this level, struggled home at Flos Las latest, ignore * @3 (4) Runs: 2

311655 ROUSING ENCORE 28 (D) (1) R Fahey 9-3.....Paul Hanagan 87
Runs: 6 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 1 £28,111
Found Group level too much, improvement needed at this level

(2) R Varian 9-3 ... David Egan 98 Runs: 2 Wins: 1(F) Places: 1 £7,922 Expensive purchase, won his novice in a canter latest, go close

6 4111 SHOULDVEBEENARING 19 (D)
(3) R Hannon 9-3 . Pat Dobbs 199
Runs: 4 Wins: 3 (F,2G) . £151/38
Won three on the bounce, deserves a shot at this, more to come 06 (3) Runs: 4

(5) 7 (5) R Hannon 9-3 Richard Kingscote 91 Runs: 1 Places: 1 £1,014 Promising effort behind subsequent Gimcrack at Newmarket, go well

BETTING: 7-4 Sakheer, 9-4 Shouldvebeenaring, 5 Charyn, 8

Heroism, 10 Wallop, 16 Rousing Encore, 20 Mustajaab WHERE FAVOLIBITES FINISHED: 2 3 1-2 2 4

2021: Wings Of War 9-1, Adam Kirby 17-2 (C Cox), drawn 8, 9 ran.

Sunracing FORM

CHARYN (9-11) 11-4 keen, chased leader, ridden and went 2nd inside final furlong, stayed on well, btn nk by Endeared (9-4) (12 ran) (Newmarket 6f nov (4) 42,320 good).
HEROISM (9-7) 13-2 midfield, headway 3f out, led fl out, ran on well, bt Hello Deira (9-5) 1/4 (12 ran) (Salisbury 6f nov (4) 55,30 good to firm).
MUSTAJAAB (9-7) 10-3 handy, ridden tf out, and circhen to lead run-in, bt

of 9 (btn 3¹/₃!) to Treasure Trove (8-11) (York 5f Listed (1) £48,204 firm). **SAKHEER** (9-2) 1-2 fav led halfway, quickened clear ff out, impressive, bt Acai (9-2) 6! (12 ran) (Haydock 6f nov

(4) £5,400 good to firm). SHOULDVEBEENARING (9-5) 3-1 Deira (9-5) 1/34 (12 ran) (Salisbury 6f nov (4) £5;130 good to firm).

MUSTAJABB (9-7) 10-3 handy, ridden 1f out, quickened to lead run-in, bt Lajooj (9-7) hd (10 ran) (Ffos Las 6f mdn (5) £3,672 good to soft).

ROUSING ENCORE (9-2) 6-1 in rear, pushed along 2f out, plugged on, 5th

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

SAKHEER was impressive when scoring by six lengths at Haydock earlier in the month. He never came off the bridle and Roger Varian's colt should have a lot more to come. Wallop made a pleasing start when third in a red-hot novice at Newmarket and the form has been franked. Expect him to take a big step forward with top jockey Richard Kingscote on board. Shouldvebeenaring took Listed honours at Ripon on the back of a big sales race success at York. This trip is ideal and he's a major player. Varian also runs Charyn who travelled sweetly at Newmarket before having to settle for second. He needs to step up to go one better. Trainer Clive Cox won this last year and always targets this race with a smart prospect. He runs Heroism, who looked well above average when winning with authority on debut.

3.25 DUBAI DUTY FREE HANDICAP (2) value to the winner £30,924; 1m 2f (13 runners)

1 712505 SOTO SIZZLER 28 (P;D)
(6) D Menuisier 7:9-12 Callum Hutchinson (5) 90
Runs: 27 Wins: 5 (F,4G) Places: 6 £182,275
Classy, but seems to save his best for Epsom, best to look elsewhere

3 411-41 MARCHING ARMY 20 (V;D) (2) S bin Suroor 4-9-5.... Louis Steward Runs: 9 Wins: 4 (2F.2A) Places: 1 £6. Nice win at Yarmouth, staying on well through the line, big player

4 71-229 STAY WELL 92 (D)
(9) H Morrison 4-9-4 ... Richard Kingscote 92
Runs: 12 Wins: 3 (F.A.G) Places: 3 £49,189
Does stay well, so a handy ride around here looks likely, place claims Run

6 -15000 PALAVECINO 28 (H;D) (12) B Meehan 6-9-3... Thomas Greatrex 82 Runs: 23 Wins: 6 (4A,6S,G) Places: 3 £109,487 Struggling this season, but has been aimed very high, not out of this

7 -14423 GROUNDBREAKER 21 (T★;D) (13) A Balding 3-9-2David Probert 95 Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (GS) Places: 2 £32,251 Talented, fourth at Royal Ascot on sole handicap start, lots to like

21210 SPECIAL ENVOY 28 (BF,D)

(11) J&T Gosden 3-9-1 ... Tom Marquand 92
Runs: 5 Wins: 2 (S,F) Places: 2 £15,685
Disappointing fav at York, had looked promising, can bounce back

9 1131 SEA THE CASPER 24 (D)
(5) S & E Crisford 3-9-0 ... Harry Burns (3) 94
Runs: 4 Wins: 3 (F.A.G)
Progressive, comfortable winner at Kempton, should be in the mix

10 064544 PISTOLETTO 36 (P;D) (1) JRyan 5-8-9 Nicola Currie 82 Runs: 46 Wins: 6 (F,4A) Places: 4 £112,389 Plenty of experience, has won over further too, can make an impact **@**10

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GOING: GOOD

11 17-311 HAMAKI 42 (T;D)
(8) W Haggas 3-8-8... Adam Farragher (5) 96
Runs: 8 (Wins: 4 (S,F,2G) Places: 1 £57,407
Improving, winning his last two in battling style, big run expected

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13 432122 MAJESTIC 16 (BF)
(7) M Channon 4-8-7...... Rob Hornby 91
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 4 £23,415
Steady improver, in the frame on his last five starts, quietly fanoied

BETTING: 9-2 Warren Point, 6 Sea The Casper, Ottoman Fleet, 7 Marching Army, Hamaki, 8 Special Envoy, 10 Groundbreaker

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1-2-4-8 2 0 4 4 2021: Injazati 3-8-8, C Shepherd 9-2 (C Fellowes), dr 5, 10 ran.

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TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

warren Point was impressive when winning over this trip at Goodwood. He wasn't at home on that tricky track but dug deep. He's gone up the weights but looks capable of winning above this handicap level.

Trainer Charlie Appleby also runs Ottoman Fleet who is dropping down from a Group 2 after a break and will find this easier. Pat Dobbs has a fine strike-rate when he rides for Godolphin. Marching Army enjoyed this distance when scoring at Yarmouth and looks a threat. That was just his second run of the season so he's still fresh. Majestic has been doing well over a mile and can make the places if enjoying this longer trip. His pedigree gives every hope he will.

RACINGTV EBF NOVICE STAKES (DIV 2) (4); 2-y-o; winner £5,400; 7f. Straight. (15 runners) 85 AFTERLIFE 85 J. 8 T Gosden 9-7 Martin Harley 83 BISHOP'S GROWN £4 Houghton 9-7 Charles Bishop CARAGIO R leal 9-7 Adam Kirby — GHIST LEADER H. 8 R Charlen 9-7 The Wildlen — FOX JOURNEY Sir M Shrule 9-7 BINEST LEADER H. 8 R Charlen 9-7 BISHOPS Sir M Shrule 9-7

longer trip. His pedigree gives every hope he will.

ONEFORTHEGUTTER (8-8) 33-1 midfield, pushed along over 3t out, kept on inside final furfong, 4th of 12 (bits 78/4) to Phantom Fight (8-12) SOTO SIZZLER (9-7) 33-1 midfield, led 2f out, headed if out, weakened close home, 5th (bits 57/4) SPECIAL ENVOY (8-12) 3-1 if raw weakened final furfong, 1th (bits) (1/2 ran) (York The First 19-12) (1/2 ran) (York The First

led 2f out, headed 1f out, weakened close home, 5th (bits 75/18) SPECIAL ENVOY (8-12) 3-1 if fav weakened final furions, 1th (bits) (12 ran) (York Warn heap (2) 24/28 good o firm), Warn heap (2) 24/28 good o firm), by the control of the control o

GOLD CUP DAY STARTS HE

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Snash.....Snash.... All The Time (nb).... KHANJAR (nap) ...Pol Roge TEMPLEGATE'S TRIO: Vadream and Royal Champion (double, both Ayr

TOM PEPPER

with Tis Marvellous (Newbury). TOM PEPPER'S DOUBLE: Khanjar and All The Time (both Ayr). SUNRATINGS' NAP: SHOULDVEBEENARING (2.50 Newbury). SIRIUS, Sun On Sunday, nap: VADREAM (3.40 Ayr).

TRACKFAX . . .

TIC-TAC: Left-handed oval course of 1m 4f, races of 1m 3f start on a chute, straight 6f track. DRAW: Middle to high best in sprints, low best on the round course. FAVOURITES: (2017-2022): 376 have won out of 1,076 races (35%). At corresponding meetings. 52 have won out of 263 recogn(20%). MCCROTI. 16. LINE ON PACING TV. ces (20%). JACKPOT: 1-6. LIVE ON RACING TV

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TRAINERS with best record in last 14 days: S & E Crisford & winners from 20 runners; R Varian 12 from 40; W Haggas 8 from 37; C Cox 7 from 33; G Boughey 8 from 38; M Dods 6 from 29; K R Burke 6 from 36; A Balding 7 from 43.

JOCKEYS with best record in last 14 days: L Crowley 6 wins.

last 14 days: J Crowley 6 wins from 19 rides; G Lee 8 from 30; J Mitchell 5 from 19; C Lee 4 from 19; J Hart 7 from 37. TRAINERS who have had the

ost runners since last win: A rittain 23; J O'Keeffe 19.

JOCKEYS who have had the most rides since last win: C

TOP TRAINERS

2017-2022 J Goldie 49-555, K Dalgleish 42-527, I Jardine 39-359, R M Smith 36-382, R Fahey 35-319, D O'Meara 32-214, T Easterby 30-226, C & M Johnston 26-177, M Dods 21-238. **THIS SEASON:** J Goldie 15, R M Smith 9.

TOP JOCKEYS

2017-2022 P Mulrennan 41-255, D Tudhope 37-218, B Curtis 27-171, K Stott 25-175, D Allan 23-156, J Hart 23-169, A Mullen 22-190, C Rodriguez 21-229. THIS SEASON: P Mulrennan 16, D Tudhope 6, D Allan 6, O Orr 4.

TRAINER TRACE

FIRST RACE FOR NEW YARD: 1.55 Timeless Soul R Varian to D O'Meara; 4.45 Abduction G Tuer

to J Goldie.

RACEFAX: R Fahey won 4.15 in 2013 & 2015. A Balding won 3.40 in 2013 & 2017. K Hyan won 9.40 in 2012, 2016 & 2021. T Easterby won 2.30 in 2019 & 2021. B Beckett won 5.20 in 2014 & 2020.

ON GEST TRAYELLERS:

Bonny Angel (3.05) trained by Coxy Burgerford your time.

Bonny Angel (3.05) trained by C Cox, Hungerford, round trip of 848 miles; Brasca (5.20) trained by R Beckett, Kimpton Down, 830 miles; Lunarscape (3.05), E J-Houghton, Blewbury, 752 miles.

IN THE MONEY

MONEY TALKS: Popmaster (3.40) opened 7-2, unplaced at 2-1f; What's The Story (1.20) opened 2-1, won at 11-8f; Judgment Call (4.45) opened 2-1, won at 6

TOP EARNERS
1.55 Stormy Antarctic£847,168
3.40 Sir Dancealot£743,835
1.55 Euchen Glen£499,456

SCOOP6

LEG 1 Avr 1.20
LEG 2 Newbury 1.40
LEG 3 Newbury 215
LEG 4 Avr 2.30
LEG 5 Newbury 3.25
LEG 6 Avr 3.40
WIN FUND£138,754

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SEVEN-DAY WINNERS: None. BLINKERED FIRST TIME: None.
VISORED FIRST TIME: 1.55 Squire Street; 3.40 Honey Sweet.
FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None.
WEIGHTWATCHER: 3.40 Guilliver (won off 102, down 4lb to 98); 4.45
Gometra Ginty (won off 80, down 6lb to 74); Cassy O (won off 81 down
Bib to 73); Ugo Gregory (won off 80 down 8lb to 72); Gabrial The
Devil (won off 89, down 9lb to 80); Surprise Picture (won off 85, down
Illb to 74); 520 Annandale (won off 85, down 10lb to 75)
JOB JOCKEY: D Tudhope rides Revich (1.20), Bernardo O'Reilly
(2.30) for R Spencer, 3 winners from 5 rides, 60%. J Mitchell rides
Dirtyoldtown (1.20) for G Tuer, 6 from 17, 35%.

LIVE ON ITV4: 1.20, 1.55, 2.30, 3.05 & 3.40

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

VIRGIN BET HANDICAP (Class 2) value to the winner £15,462; 1m (14 runners)

1 -032398 REVICH 2 (V;CD) (2) R Spencer 6-9-13.....Daniel Tudhope 98 Runs: 39 Wins: 5 (QSS,36) Places: 13 £115,007 Last year's winner, disappointing over further here on Thursday, do better

4700216 WHAT'S THE STORY 2 (P;C,D) (12) K Dalgleish 8-9-13 ... Callum Rodriguez Runs: 40 Wins: 6 (S,2F,A,2G) Places: 11 £193 Experienced, but only sixth here on Thursday, best watched now

-19322 REDARNA 42 (P;CD)

841257 ON A SESSION 14 (6) D & N Barron 6-9-11..... Graham Lee 94 ns: 33 Wins: 4 (G) Places: 9 £157,937

Talented, bit disappointing lately, but every chance on his best form -20173 KOY KOY 29 (H*;D) <u>()</u>5

6 (11) D & N Barron 5-9-9 Kevin Stott 9:
Runs: 18 Wins: 2 (2F) Places: 6 £68,32:
Pacey, interesting to see how he takes to this mile trip, best watched

142130 DUTCH DECOY 14 (D) (8) C 8 M Johnston 5-98 Oliver Stammers (3) 94
Runs: 43 Wins: 8 (4F,3A,GS) Places: 9 £89,750
Plenty of experience, never got the pace last time, better expected here

221072 GWEEDORE 31 (CD)

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10 5-1750 SEASETT 106 (D) ...Rossa Ryan 87 (1) Runs Poor at Epsom, shapes as though he may be better over further, avoid

11 -20602 DIRTYOLDTOWN 9

12 7695-6 MISTY AYR 15
(14) K Dalgleish 3-9-2.....Paul Mulrennan 82
Runs: 9 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 2 £16,158
Disappointing at Haydock, but should come on from that run, bit to find

13 440055 **ELDRICKJONES 35** 14

BETTING: 5 Koy Koy, 11-2 Dirtyoldtown, 6 What's The Story, 7 Redarna, 10 Persuasion, Revich, II Bandito, On A Session, 14 Seasett, 16 Blenheim Boy, Dutch Decoy, Gweedore, 20 Misty Ayr, Eldrickjones WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: abd 2 2 2 2-6 2021: Revich 5-9-1, Angus Villiers 20-1 (R Spencer), dr 1, 10 ran.

Sunracing FORM

REVICH (9-2) 16-1 midfield, outpaced 2f out, 9th of 18 (5/sl) to Blue For You (9-2) (York 1m hcap (2) £64,425 good). WHAT'S THE STORY (9-11) 11-8 fav

(9-2) (York im heap (2) E84.425 good). WHAT'S THE STORY (9-1) 11-8 fay made most quickened 3' out, ran on water most quickened 3' out, ran on water most quickened 3' out, ran on water most good out, and the state of the state of the state out, ran on the state out, ran out b-1 held up, pushed along 3f out, blugged on, 9th (btn 4½) (13 ran) Thirsk 7f hcap (2) £13,500 good).

/EEDORE (10-0) 4-1 handy, led 2f

Cut, soon pressed, headed if out, stayed on one lace, bit 17/4 by Mayard on 09-17 and (Musselburgh 77 hean) (Musselburgh 77 hean) (3) 83,100 good to firm).

REVICH (9-6) 9-1 mid-division, headway 3f out, stayed on inside final furlong, went 2nd final 110 yards, btn 11/4 by Totally (Charming (9-2) SEASETT (8-13) 12-1 held up, ridden 3f out, no headway, tith (btn 9/4) (15 ran).

DIRTYOLDTOWN (8-11) 25-1 close up, sustained duel with winner 2f out, always just held, btn hd by New Kingdom (9-9) (10 ran) (Doncaster 7f hcap (2) E25,770 good to soft).

MISTY AYR (9-5) 28-1 in rear, pushed along 2f out, no impression, last of 64 files (1) 25 13,500 good to firm).

ELDRICKJONES (9-6) 12-1 pushed along haftway, never on terms, 6th of 7 (4/4) to Garden Oasis (8-12) (Ripon Im hoap (3) 97,731 good to firm).

DUTCH DECOY (9-4) 7-1 held under held towards finish, 3rd of 8 (btn 17/4) to Shelir (10-2) BLENHEIM BOY (8-13) 9-1 chased leaders, edged right 10 ut, weakened, 6th (57-4) (8 ran) (Ripon Im haap (2) E25,856 good).

1.55 VIRGIN BET DOONSIDE CUP STAKES (LISTED) winner £28,355; 1m 2f (12 runners)

*** #2 340373 EUCHEN GLEN 14 (BF,CD) (3) J Goldie 9-9-5......Paul Mulrennan 97
Runs: 52 Wins: 12 (3F,4S,GS,4G) Places: 9 £499,456
Best form is over further, but he does not lack for pace, dangerous

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4 402833 MARIE'S DIAMOND 14 (C)

5 9-4143 ROYAL CHAMPION 21 (D) (6) R Varian 4-9-5......Jack Mitchell Runs: 7 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 1 £7; Impressive hcap win in June, not disgraced since, one to watch

926-35 STORMY ANTARCTIC 21 (T;D) Runs: 43 Wins: 8 (4S,3GS,G) Places: 15 £847,168 Strong traveller, not beaten far when last of five at Goodwood, do better

-14455 DARK MOON RISING 56

Runs: 1 Wins: 1(GS)
Tough win on debut, but could be more of a hcap prospect, doubtful

78 HERMAN THE GERMAN 17 (P★) J Goldie 3-9-0...... Shannon Watts 9 (7) J Goldie 3-9-0...... Shannon Watts 7(Fx)
Runs: 2
Poor form, tailed off at Hamilton latest, next to no chance at this level

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, hacked up in a top map at 10m, hacked 69 SQUIRE STREET 17 (V★) J Goldie 3-9-0....Amie Waugh £0 £0 Runs: 2
Poor form, tailed off at Hamilton latest, next to no chance at this level

12 3244-0 TIMELESS SOUL 238
(4) D O'Meara 4-9-0Daniel Tudhope 84
Runs: 7 Wins: 1(S) Places: 3 £17,582
Exposed filly, stays well but likely to find a few too good, ignore

BETTING: 7-4 Phantom Flight, 4 Royal Champion, 9-2 Stormy Antarctic, 7 Euchen Glen, 8 Marie's Diamond, 10 Dark Moon Rising WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: abd 5 2 1 3 2021: Maydanny 5-9-3, Joe Fanning 9-2 (C & M Johnston), dr 9, 10 ran.

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TEMPLEGATE

REDARNA is in flying form and went close in the Shergar Cup at Ascot last time after running well at Pontefract. He's off the same mark here and

same mark here and likes Ayr. Seasett didn't act at Epsom last time but ran well at York before that and won't mind if there's some juice in the ground. Koy Koy went close in good company at Newbury last time. This trip suits and a first-time hood could bring some improvement. Dirtyoldtown ran his some improvement.
Dirtyoldtown ran his
best race for a while
when beaten a neck
at Donny last week. A
repeat of that upped to
a mile would give him
a chance. Revich will be
happy dropped in trip
after a modest run here
on Thursday.

TEMPLEGATE

ROYAL CHAMPION took a step forward when a close-up third in a Windsor Group 3 last time. That was over this trip on the back of another solid run at Haydock. This slight drop in class can do the trick. Phantom Flight was an easy handicap winner at York and looks well up to this higher level. He stays well with the only worry being the ground as he likes it fast.

Euchen Glen takes a drop in distance here after a fair effort over lm6f at Haydock. That could wake him up and he's won in this grade before. Stormy Antactic was far from disgraced in the Celebration Mile at Goodwood. He sees out this trip well and more rain would help.

Sun FORM

PHANTOM FLIGHT (8-12) 3-1 jt fav chased leaders, pushed along 27 out, led inside final furnon, stayed on strongly, bt Spirit Dancer (9-4) Si CHICHESTER (9-4) 22-1 slowly away, in rear, pushed along ozd part of the part of PHANTOM FLIGHT (8-12) 3-1 jt fav

STORMY ANTARCTIC (9-6) 12-1 close up in rear, ridden over if out, no impression, last of 5 (btn 4/s) to Jadoom (9-6) (Goodwood Im Grp 2 (1) £70,888 good to soft).

DARK MOON RISING (8-1) of ded. last of 5 (btn 1/s) of ded. last of 5 (btn) to Sir Busker (9-8) (York 1/s) m (Fig 2 (1) £70,888 good).

GOOD SHOW (9-4) 12-1 held up, pushed along over 2 fout, ran on to lead final strides, bt Makfoul (9-4) is HERMAN THE GERMAN (9-4) 200-1 in rear, pushed along 11 strides (1-6) 4f out, soon weakened, 8th (well btn) SQUIRE STREET (8-13) 200-1 close up, lost place 7f out, last (well btn) (9 ran) (Hamilton distribution)

(well Dtn) (9 ran) (Hamilton 11/sm nov mdn (5) £3,942 good to soft). TIMELESS SOUL (9-1) 18-1 tracked leader until pushed along 2f out, weakened, last of 14 (btn 13I) to Lower Street (8-9) (Lingfield 1/sm fls hcap 100 (2) £51,540 AW).

(2) 1-26482 FRONTISPIECE 35 (BF,CD) A Perrett 8-9-10. — Rob Hornby 49-9 (17) 77-468 DOWNISMAN 99 (Pp.)) J Boylet 9-9-9. — Charlie Bennett 92 (10) 00-6107 SOVEREIGN DUKE 21 H Candy 7-8-8. — Adam Kirby 87 (13) 1207-961 A PULGA 21 (8) H 8 R Charlino 3-9-4. — Richard Kingscote 94 (14) 148-822 TARTAN CHIEF 19 (17-1) P. 8 O Cole 3-9-4. — Neil Callan 95 (15) 823330 JACOVEC CAVEN 14 (16) M Charlon 3-9-4. — Richard Kingscote 94 (16) 82330 JACOVEC CAVEN 14 (16) M Charlon 3-9-4. — Rore Callan 3-9-4. — Rore



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2.30 VIRGIN BET AYR SILVER CUP HANDICAP (2); winner £30,924; 6f (25 runners) 961059 RATHBONE 22 (P:D) (7) K Ryan 6-9-12 ... Oisin McSweeney (5) 93 Runs: 47 Wins: 6 (5,5F) Places: 12 £127,981 Only midfield last year, but comes here 4lb better treated, do better 3 7 061510 JUMP THE GUN 14 (P;C,D) (25) I Jardine 5-9-11 ... Paul Mulrennan 98 Runs: 31 Wins: 4 (FA,2G) Places: 8 £33,335 Stays well, winner here two runs back, should be in the thick of it 8 30-923 APLOMB 80 (D) (3) J Chapple-Hyam 6-9-10 Kevin Stott 88 Runs: 29 Wins: 4 (S,3GS) Places: 7 £68,643 Showing more of late, but has not won in two years, others preferred 9 677709 ZARGUN 6 (24) S Dixon 7-9-10. Dale Swift Runs: 49 Wins: 3 (GS, G) Places: 11 £87 No win this season, but did go close in one run at York, up against it 109 £87.059 11 277233 EDWARD CORNELIUS 27 (H) (20) K Dalgleish 3-9-9..... Callum Rodriguez 97 Runs: 12 Wins: 2 (SG) Places: 4 £47,912 Good effort at Sandown, should relish the return to six furlongs, go well 12 12 822560 ABERAMA GOLD 23 (V;CD) (22) K Dalgleish 5-9-9. Jason Watson 98 Runs: 42 Wins: 6 (2S,F,2A,G) Places: 7 £139,521 Track and trip winner, fifth in the 2020 renewal, bit to find on current form 13 256425 FULL AUTHORITY 82 (T;D) (21) J Chapple-Hyam 5-9-9 .Oliver Stammers (3) 89 Runs: 17 Wins: 2 (S,A) Places: 5 £52,182 Inconsistent, never got in to the race at Windsor last time, dismiss 14 304381 LOVELY BREEZE 11 (V;D) (2) H Palmer 4-9-9(5lbex) Clifford Lee 97 Runs: 24 Wins: 4 (2S,F,A) Places: 8 £67,873 Talented filly, impressive at Goodwood earlier this month, chance 15 050321 MARK'S CHOICE 18 (V;C,D) (19) A Keatley 6-9-9(5lbex) Ryan Sexton (5) ●99 Runs: 45 Wins: 9 (F.365,56) Places: 7 £80,270 Won well at Ripon, seems to be flourishing for new yard, lots to like 3.05 VIRGIN BET FIRTH OF CLYDE FILLIES' STAKES (GROUP 3) 2-Y-O; £22,684; 6f (13 runners) 16 16 081515 DEVIL'S ANGEL 27 (D) (9) JOYkeeffe 6-9-8 -- P J McDonald 95 Runs: 31 Wins: 8 (F,4A,3G) Places: 5 £57,335 Decent effort at Sandown, step back up to six is a plus, quietly fancied Underwhelming at Ripon, needs to bounce back here, plenty to prove 112326 GOOD EARTH 22 (D) **1**8 Runs 19 196434 BERNARDO O'REILLY 22 (D) (5) R Spencer 8-9-8. Daniel Tudhope 92 Runs: 41 Wins: 7 (4GS,3G) Places: 6 £72,988 Experienced handicapper, has lacked spark since his return win, e-w 20 22 119763 AVA GO JOE 59 (P,T*;D) (14) T Easterby 4-9-4......Duran Fentiman Runs: 18 Wins: 4 (F,3G) Places: 6 £4 Decent third on AW last time, down the weights, could nick a place £49.809 220497 WOVEN 49 24 25 616842 OSO RAPIDO 4 (D) Back to form with good second last time, low weight, can outrun odds BETTING: 8 Lovely Breeze, 10 Snash, 12 Emperor Spirit, Hyperfocus,

Sunracing FORM

ASADJUMEIRAH (9-2) 17-2 held up, pushed along and outpaced 3f out, plugged on, 4th of 11 (btn 2l) to Runninwild (8-9) GOOD EARTH (9-6)

(8-9) 7-1 led until 2f out, this (this 3)/4) post post plant of the pl

fair mark. He likes this trip and should be in the mix. Snash was a good winner the last time he ran here in July and didn't get the run of the race in the Great St Wilfrid at Ripon latest. He likes this trip and looks a live contender. Edward Cornelius has been knocking on the door over 55 but likes this trip too and could run into the frame. Asadjumeirah ran

well at Thirsk last time despite not getting the run of the race. He stays well and has place claims. Vintage Clarets scored well at Windsor but this is a bit tougher.

1 10512 ALL THE TIME 16 (D) Jack Mitchell 97 Runs: 5 & E Crisford 9-2 Jack Mitchell 97 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 1 £25,573 Progressive, ran a cracker in a Grp 3 at Salisbury, more to come

Progressive, ran a cracker in a Grp 3 at Salisbury, more to come

2 21 BAREFOOT ANGEL 23 (D)

(6) R Fahey 9-2......Paul Mulrennan 92

Runs: 2 Wins: 1 (G) Palcaes: 1 £7,681

Green but finished well to win novice at Carlisle, looks dangerous

3 21452 BELIEVING 14 (T;D)

(7) G Boughey 9-2......Jim Crowley 93

Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 2 £24,505

Strong traveller, solid effort in a Grp 3 at Kempton latest, go close

6 362114 IMMORTAL BEAUTY 16 (D) (12) R Hannon 9-2 Doubtful 84 (Runs: 6 Wins: 2 (F,A) Places: 1 £39,948 Finished well when fourth in a Grp 3 at Salisbury latest, interesting

10 15445 MINNETONKA 14 (D) (3) R Hannon 9-2. Rossa Ryan 93 Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (F) £13,058 Unlucky not to finish closer in a Grp 3 at Kempton latest, e-w claims

12 QUEEN ME 30 (D)

(8) K Ryan 9-2. Tom Eaves ●99

Runs: 2 Wins: 1 (GS) Places: 1 £61,563

Class act, went down fighting in the Lowther at York, one to beat

BETTING: 2 Queen Me, 5 Believing, 6 All The Time, 7 Bonny Angel, 8 Maria Branwell, 10 Minnetonka, 14 Poetic Union, 20 Lunarscape, Marine Wave WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: abd 1 6 1 4 2021: Nazanin 9-0, Hollie Doyle 16-1 (A Watson), drawn 11, 14 ran.

113865 MARIA BRANWELL 16

(5) D O'Meara 9-2

51 MARINE WAVE 19

73311 BONNY ANGEL 9 (D)

151857 CARMELA 36

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on, 6th (btn 3¹/4) **EMPEROR SPIRIT** (8-9) 7-1 led until 2f out, 7th (btn 3¹/4) **FORTAMOUR** (8-6) 20-1 ridden 2f out, faded, 9th (btn 3³/4) (14 ran) (Ripon 6f

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

BRANWELL (9-2) 11-2 mld-division, headway 21 out, held final furlong, kept on, 5th (btn 2!) POETIC UNION (9-2) 17-2 prominent, ridden 21 out, fadded, 9th (btn 5?)-4) (12 ran) (Salisbury 6f Grg 3 2:55.500 good to firm).

BAREFOOT ANGEL (9-2) 10-3 fav in touch, switched and headway 27 out, challenged and ran on well, led final strides, bf Reward Smile (9-7) nk (11 ran) (Carlisle 6f nov (4) £5,399 good).

BELIEVING (9-0) 40-1 mid-division, pushed along to close 27 out, stayed on well, but 21 by Mischief Magic (9-3) MINNETONKA (9-0) 10-1 held up rear, switched 21 out, some late headway. switched 2f out, some late headway, never involved, 5th (btn 5½) (10 ran) (Kempton 6f Grp 3 (1) £39,697 AW).

BONNY ANGEL (8-9) 4-1 fav prominent,

led 2f out, stretched clear 1f out, easily, bt Coco Jamboo (8-7) 4l (10 ran)

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ALL THE TIME (9-2) 8-1 held up in mid-

on final furlong, btn nk by Ji (9-2) IMMORTAL BEAUTY chased leaders, driven If out, kept on final furlong, 4th (btn 1³/4) MARIA BRANWELL (9-2) 11-2 mid-division,

QUEEN ME scored on debut QUEEN ME scored on debut a behind when going down Lowther at York last trip and a repessing the slightly easier won the Dick despite wand Crisford hors form and she has been doing at Leicester and upgrade but tackles strong a good second in the Siren at Kempton two Saturdays translating that form to turn

translating that form to turk scored at York latest but ne

BIG_BACE

STRIKE RED looks a big price if he can get his act together. He finished strongly at Newcastle last time after missing the break and was beaten in a bunch finish for a good race at Hamilton before that. He likes this trip and is nicely down the weights even before his rider takes off 71b. Emperor Spirit went down in a tight finish at Ffos Las and is another who looks on a fair mark. He likes this trip and should be in the mix Snach was a good winner the

Yr G	Ran	Winner	Age	Jocks
21 Gd	24	BIELSA	6	Stat
20 GS	24	NAHAARR	4	Mar
19 Gd	24	ANGEL ALEXANDER	3	King
*18 Hv	y 25	SON OF REST	4	Hay
		BARON BOLT	5	
17 Hv	y 17	DONJUAN TRIUMPHANT	4	Mol
16 GS	23	BRANDO	4	Eav
15 Gd	25	DON'T TOUCH	3	Han
14 GF	27	LOUIS THE PIOUS	6	Doy
13 GS	26	HIGHLAND COLORI	5	Mur
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KHANJAR can star in the

KHANJAR can star in the Ayr Gold Cup.

Sprinters in form tend to win this with most winners having finished in the first four last time out.

Therefore our first job is to concentrate on that group again. So it is bye the nou to Sir Dancelot, Zarzyni, Documenting, Summerghand, Volatile Analyst, Bielsa, Gulli-tur, Gis A Sub, Honey Sweet, Chiefofchiefs, Motagally, Tinto, Admiral D, Pendleton and luan Les Pins who are all found out by that trend.

This historic speed test hasn't gone to any horse aged older than six in the past couple of decades.

That spells bad news for popular duo Escobar and Mr Magyu who, sadly for them, will be found out by the younger generation today.

Horses carrying hefty

BIG-RACE EARLY

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Khanjar	9-2	9-2	9	
Bielsa	10	9	1	
Summerghand	9	10	-	
Commanche Falls	10	11	- 3	
Gulliver	12	12	- 1	
Motagally	14	12	- 1	
Fivethousandtoone	14	14	- 1	
Vadream	14	16	- 1	
Popmaster	16	14	1	
Mr Wagyu	14	14	- 1	
Bergerac	20	16	2	
Chiefofchiefs	16	18	-	
Zarzyni	20	20	- 1	
Tinto	22	20	2	
Volatile Analyst	25	25	2	
Lucky Man	25	22	2	
Aleezdancer	25	20	- 2	
Admiral D	25	25	2	
Juan Les Pins	25	25	2	
Documenting	28	28	2	
Gis A Sub	33	25	3	
Sir Dancealot	33	33	3	
Pendleton	33	33	3	
Honey Sweet	33	33	2	
Escobar	33	33	- 2	

14 Vintage Clarets, Devil's Angel, Edward Cornelius, Dusky Lord, Strike Red, 16 Aplomb, Bernardo O'Reilly, Roman Dragon, Mark's Choice WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: abd 2 7 0 3 2021: Staxton 6-9-6, D Fentiman 25-1 (T Easterby), dr 2, 24 ran.

EACH-WAY THIEF HAVE an Ayr each-way double. SEA-SETT (1.20) hated Epsom last time af-ter going close at York. Pair him with SNASH (2.30) who won here in July and ran well again in the Great St Wilfrid at Ripon last time despite trouble in running.

1.20 - 3.40

GOOD TO SOFT

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FORM

(Doncaster 6f heap (2) £26,170 good).
MINNETONKA (9-2) 11-2 handy, ridden ff out, ran on same pace, 4th of 10 (btn 2)) to Cuban Mistress (9-2) CARMELA (9-2) 9-1 rear, pushed along 2f out, 7th (btn 67/4) (10 ran) (Newbury 5f Listed (1)) £2.286 good to Imm).

Light (1) 10 ran (1) 10 ran

on strongly, just held, bin nik by Swingalong (92) MARIA BRANWELL (9-2) 22-1 rear, outpaced 3f out, ridden if out, one pace, 6th that 37/Jn (13 ran) (York 6f Grp 2f) 1515 899 good). SECRET AMGEL (8-12) 9-2 made all, ridden 1f out, stayed on, bt Signora Camacho (9-1) 17/4 (7 ran) (York 6f hcap (3) £10,800 good).

E'S VERDICT

t Havdock but left that form in a photo for the Group 2
month. That was over this
at would see her take this
contest. All The Time almost
Poole at Salisbury latest ring across the track. The es continue in excellent looks a danger. **Bonny Angel** es continue in excellent looks a danger. Bonny Angel well in handicaps, scoring Doncaster. She is on the rivals here. Believing was a Stakes on the all-weather ago. She'll have a chance if Secret Angel is another who ds more here.

	Trainer	SP	Wt	OR	Dr	Days
K	Ryan, K A	15/2	9-1	98	25	49
uand, T	Haggas, W J	7/2	9-5	100	13	49
cote, R	Dascombe, T	28/1	8-13	101	24	21
s, C D	Stack, J A	5/1	9-3	101	17	6
e, C (5)	Cole, PFI	28/1	8-12	101	21	29
onald, P	Balding, A M	13/2	9-10	109	4	23
s, T	Ryan, K A	11/1	9-10	110	8	29
lton, T	Fahey, R A	6/1	9-1	101	8	35
ı, J	OMeara, D	10/1	9-4	104	19	14
hy, O (5)	Balding, A M	20/1	8-13	104	19	26
len, P J	Ryan, K A	16/1	9-0	100	8	35
n, F	Ryan, K A	11/1	9-6	105	12	35
ri, L	Nicholls, D	14/1	9-2	97	17	28

3.40 Ayr Gold Cup

weights have managed to win but Commanche Falls would be setting a new re-cord if he carted 9st 12lb. He gets a red cross too, At the other end, Lucky Man and Aleezdancer are on the low side when it comes to the official ratings and are the next to go.

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That leaves a shortlist of five — Vadream, Popmaster, Bergerac, Khanjar and Fivethousandtoone.

There are some big prices there worth backing eachway in a typically open race. But top trainer William Haggas won this in 2020 with a well-backed horse and can repeat the feat with KHANJAR. He won nicely at Haydock and this track will suit. He also looks ahead of the handicapper.

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3.40 VIRGIN BET AYR GOLD CUP HANDICAP (2) value to the winner £77,310; 6f (25 runners)

2 15/7290 SIR DANCEALOT 21 (D) 19 J Butler 8-9-8 ... Paul Mulrennan 90 Runs: 43 Wins: 10 (2F.2A, GS, 5G) Places: 5 £743,835 Best form is over 7f, but he does have a touch of class, check betting

3 979233 ESCOBAR 3 (T)
(7) D O'Meara 8-9-8. David Nolan 93
Runs: 63 Wins: 6 (4F.S,GS) Places: 15 £490,263
At best in big field hcaps, loves tracking a fast pace, interesting at a price

14 5-6002 VADREAM 21 (P;D)
(21) C Fellowes 49-8 ... Oisin Orr 92
Runs: 13 Wins: 2 (S,A) Places: 4 £118,797
Touch of class, usually peaks at this time of year, more rain the better

.....**Ben Curtis 96** aces: 8 £109,915

6 141053 MR WAGYU 6 (V;CD) (15) J Quinn 7-9.7 ... Jason Hart Runs: 67 Wins: 15 (25/F.6G) Places: 17 £24 Strong traveller, ran well when third at The Curragh on Sunday, e-w

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659415 **SUMMERGHAND 21 (V;D)**

(12) D O'Meara 8-9-5(5lbex) . . . Daniel Tudhope Runs: 70 Wins: 14 (2S,7F,4A,G) Places: 18 £40 Quirky but plenty of talent, fast pace will suit, will be finishing well 9 181005 VOLATILE ANALYST 42 (H;CD) (16) K Dalgleish 5-9-4..... Callum Rodriguez 93 Runs: 20 Wins: 6 (S,2FA,2GS) Talented, big engine and better than he could show at Redcar, e-w claims

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11 -54735 **BIELSA** 48 (**P;CD**) (17) K Pyan 7-92. Kevin Stott **97** Runs: 23 Wins: 5 (F2S,2G) Places: 3 £135,300 Impressive win last year, only a lb higher this time, leading contender **®11**

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71-131 KHANJAR 15 (D) (5) W Haggas 3-9-1(5lbex)......Jim Crowley 98
Runs: 6 Wins: 3 (F,2G) Places: 1 £39,409
Improving, quickened well to win snugly at Haydock, more to come

15 6-3909 GIS A SUB 31 (P;D) (14) K Ryan 3-9-0......Shane Gray 95
Runs: 9 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 2 552,440
Excuses when held at York latest, capable of better but this is tough

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17 952045 HONEY SWEET 10 (V*;D)
(20) K Burke 38-12 ... Clifford Lee
Runs: 15 Wins: 2 (28) Places: 2 97
Running with credit in Group company, may find a few too quick **★**17

#18 6-3040 CHIEFOFCHIEFS 56 (V;D)
(4) C Fellowes 9-8-12. Rossa Ryan
Runs: 41 Wins: 6 (2A,4G) Places: 10 £12
Plenty of quirks but he's not short on talent, will be finishing well

119 445-05 MOTAGALLY 6 (B;D) (22) S Dixon 6-8-11. Dale Swift Runs: 25 Wins: 5 (2A,3F) Places: 4 £56 Fair effort at Doncaster last time but takes on stronger rivals today 1019 £56,232

22 962376 **ADMIRAL D 9 (D)**(10) R Fahey 3-8-10 ... **Oisin McSweeney (5) 97**Runs: 11 Wins: 2 (S) Places: 2 £63,212
Caught the eye a few times this season, nice racing weight, dangerous 22

-03020 **PENDLETON 22 (P;D)**

24 51117 JUAN LES PINS 6 (D)
(18) M Appleby 5-8-9 Andrew Mullen 8
Runs: 30 Wins: 6 (3F,2A,5) Places: 7 682,39
No luck in running last time, in hot form earlier, this is stronger company 25 537613 **ALEEZDANCER** 13 (D)
(1) K Ryan 3-8-8. Rowan Scott
Runs: 14 Wins: 4 (S,3GS) Places: 2 £2
Finished well when third at York latest, this is a big step up in class

£29,714

BETTING: 9-2 Khaniar, 8 Commanche Falls, 10 Summerghand, Bielsa. DEI INNG: 9-2 Knanjar, 8 Commanche Hails, 10 Summerghand, Bielsa, 12 Mr Wagyu, Fivethousandtoone, 14 Gulliver, Vadream, Popmaster, 16 Bergerac, Juan Les Pins, Chiefofchiefs, 20 Aleezdancer, Admiral D, Tinto WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 0 1 0 1 2 2021: Bielsa 6-9-1, Kevin Stott 15-2 (K Ryan), drawn 25, 24 ran.

DUAL Stewards' Cup hero Commanche Falls gets another chance to emulate 1996 winner Coastal Bluff — the last horse to win the Stewards' Cup and Ayr Gold Cup in the same season. The classy top-weight could only finish seventh last year but trainer Michael Dods (right) is hopeful of a better showing this time. He said: "Commanche Falls is very well. He's giving a lot of weight away, but he's in good form, so hopefully he'll run well."

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SUMMERGHAND (9-0) 15-2 rear, ridden and headway 1f out, led run-in, ran on, bt COMMANCHE FALLS (9-12) 16-1 in SUMMERGHAND (9-0) 15-2 rear, ridden and headway flout, led runin-, ran on, bt COMMANCHE FALLS (9-12) 16-1 in touch, pushed along halfway, ridden and headway final furlong, led briefly, soon headed, ran on, ½4 MR WAGTV (1948) 19-1 (194

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post, tracked leaders in centre, ridden and unable to quicken over 1f out, hung right inside final furlong, kept on same pace towards finish, 4th of 9 (btn 3/4) to Lethal Nymph (8-10) (Ascot 6f

7/4) to Letnai nympn (6-10) (Ascot of heap (2) £15,462 good to soft).

BIELSA (9-5) 7-1 dwelt in rear, pushed along over 1f out, never nearer, 5th of 7 (bth 4!) to Ebro River (9-0) (Chester 6f Listed (1) £28,355 good to soft).

KHANJAR (9-8) 4-5 fav midfield, pushed

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

VADREAM is an Autumn horse who ran much the best race of the season when beaten just a neck in a Newmarket Listed contest last time. She is best over this trip and likes a little juice in the ground. This is the first time she's dropped into a handicap and she looks on a fair weight. Khanjar has been well backed for William Haggas who won this race two years ago. He has done little wrong this season and had a bit up his sleeve at Haydock last time. He has to prove his liking for ground slower than good to firm but will be a big threat if handling it.

Bielsa won this last year and is back from a lib higher handicap mark. He wasn't beaten far at Chester last time but this will have been the main target for a while. He looks a good bet to hit the frame again.

Commanche Falls comes here in good form after winning the Stewards' Cup at Goodwood before a close second at York last time. That's decent form and he'll be in the mix. Summerghand beat him on the Knavesmire and shouldn't be ruled out after another decent run at Newmarket latest. Mr Waggu was third last year and has been running well this season with a close third in hot company at The Curragh last Sunday. He goes on any ground and can hit the frame again.

Almeric, 12 It's Good To Laugh, Detective WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: abd 9-0 9 1 1 2021: Annandale 3-8-12 Richard Kingscote 9-4 Fav (C & M Johnston) dr 9, 8 ran.

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TIC-TAC_L+V oal course of 1m 180yds, aces over 5l start on a chute, which bears cell to just he round course 6f from home.

■DRAW: Low have an advantage in aces over 5l and 7l, high best over six furiongs.

■LEADING TRAINERS (2017-2022): Teasterly 40-377. D O'Meara 26-118, R Fahey 23-185, K Dalgleish 23-122_HTIS_SEASON. S Whitaker 5.

■TOP JOCKEYS (2017-2022): S James 20-130, P Dennis 16-146, H Shaw 11-129, B Garritty 9-35. THIS SEASON that SHAPELLER: Hunkpaga (1.48). Round trip of 510 miles.

■ILVE ON RACING TV

MR WAGYU (3.40 Ayr) was a good third in this Gold Cup last year and ran another cracker at The Curragh last time. He won't be far away again.

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6	(9)	3567 GINCIDENT 29 R Fahey 9-5							
7	(6)	76329 TANZANITE 23 K Burke 9-2							
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10	(5)	6504 UNITARIAN 37 (P) K Burke 8-11							
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Ľ	2.23	STAKES (5); 2-y-o; winner £3,780; (
1	(5)	602 HARDY ANGEL 19 (T) T Easterby 9-7	Sean Kirrane (3) 92
2	(4)	60 LAST STAND 3 K Burke 9-7	Billy Garritty 78
3	(1)	938 MAHALIK 24 (BF) K Burke 9-7	Sam James 94
4	(6)	THE COMPAS MAN A Keatley 9-7	Connor Murtagh —
5	(3)	726243 WE'RENOTREALLYHERE 19 (B) J Quinn 9-7	
6	(3)	ARTISTIC DREAMER M Appleby 9-2	Erika Parkinson (7) —
7	(2)	6732 OUR FLORENTINE 6 (P) G Boughey 9-2	Saffie Osborne (3) 98
Ω	77	2 POP WORLD 21 M Dode 0-2	Phil Donnie 600

6	.5					NNIVERSAF		CAP (6);
Ľ	.U	U /va	alue to	the wi	nner £	3,456; 6f.	(1	[2 runners)
1	(3)) D Carroll 4-9-		Wheatley (5) 82
2						Easterby 5-9-9		on Wilkie (7) 97
3						Fell 8-9-7		ny Peate (5) 92
4	(12)					D) P Evans 4-9-7		en Lewis (7) 89
5	(8)							ison Shaw 999
6	(9)	0747684	TASHGE	IEEL 18 (E	B;D) G Tue	er 4-9-6		Sam James 95
7	(2)	03-5948	SYDNEY	BAY 43 (P*) A Du	ffield 3-9-5	Jo	anna Mason 87
8	(11)	2193664	JACKME	ISTER RI	JDI 11 (D) K Scott 3-9-5		Billy Garritty 84
9	(7)						Harr	y Russell (3) 98
10	(4)	-853070	COWRO	V SOI DIE	R 21 (T)	Togging 7-0-4	D.	ulo Muir (2) 95

10 (4) #53970 COWBOY SOLDIER 21 (T) C Teague 7.9-4. Paula Muir (3) 85 11 (5) #43773 GULLANE ONE 18 (P.T.D) T Easterby 7.9-4. Sean Kirrane (3) 90 12 (1) 6073457 FINAL ACCOUNT 19 (V) R Fathey 3-9-2. Tony Hamilton 91 BETTING: 7-2 Wade's Magic, 6 Blazing Son, Gullane One, 13-2 Portelet Bay, 7 Dirchill, Taspheel, 10 Jackmeister Rudi, 12 Sydney Bay, Dapper Man WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2021: No corresponding race.

3.33 VERA & TONY 40 NOT OUT NURSERY (5); 2-y-o; value to the winner £3,996; 5f. (11 runners) Value to the Winner E3,995; 37. (11 trinners) 1 till 5627 STRENGTH * NHONUN 28 2 Hy C Fellowes 9-9. Stavie Donohoe 92 2 (4) 063 AZUCENA 21 A Duffield 9-7. 3 (7) 77732 CASTAN 18 (BB,D) B Smart 9-5. 4 (10) 82096 TEATIME TIPPLE 10 (H) T Coyle 9-3. 4 (10) 82096 TEATIME TIPPLE 10 (H) T Coyle 9-3. 5 (1) 5394 GOOSE ROCK 17 (B,T) G Scott 9-1. 4 Jack Garritte 18 6 (3) 554964 DIXIEDODOLEDRAGON 18 (D) K Dalgleish 9-0. 8 (8) 9544292 HOWYADON 18 (P) T Easterby 8-13. 5 Sean Kirrane (3) 92 9 (6) 06564 DOCTOR MOZATT 18 (V) P EARS 8-11. 9 (9) 06564 DOCTOR MOZATT 18 (V) P EARS 8-11. 9 (9) 10 0564 UNICHOOLED 18 10 19 891 LUMACHO 9 (0) B Boughey 8-10. DOUBTH 19 891 LUMACHO 9 (0) B Boughey 8-10. DOUBTH 19 BETTING: 4 Castan, 9-2 Koril Dancer, 5-lowyadoin, 6 Azucena, Grosse Bock

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2021: No corresponding race.

1	l N	8 Y	IILSON	BECKE	TT ME	MORIA	L HAN	DICAP	(4); value	to
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1	(8)								ick Larson (5)	
2	(5)								ougie Costello	
3									drew Breslin (3)	
4	(6)								trick Mathers	
5	(1)								Sam James	
6	(2)								rie Donohoe 🛢	
7	(4)	4001586	BOLLIN	NEIL 17	(P;CD) T	Easterby 6	3-9-3	Bran	don Wilkie (7)	7
8	(7)								an Kirrane (3)	
BE	ETTII	NG: 9-4	Qoya, 11	-4 In The	Breeze	5 Melbu	rnian, 7	Punto B	anco, 10 Baile	гу

BET TING: 9-4 GOya, 11-4 in 1 ne breeze, 5 Meiburnian, 7 Punto Banco, 10 Bailey: Derbyday, Zimmerman, 12 Magna Moralia, 25 Bollin Neil WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 1 2 3 5 2021: Dreams Unwind 3-9-2 Franny Norton 17-2 (C & M Johnston) dr 6, 6 ran.

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IN THE BREEZE (9-11) 11-2 headway ff out, went 2nd finish, btn 17/4 by Sarsons Risk (8-13) (6 ran) (Newmarket 17/4m hcap (18-23) 66 good).

MAGNA MORALIA (11-2) 11-1 heid up, not trouble leaders, short 12 (btn 13) ito Saratoga Gold (10-22) (Epsons not trouble leaders, short 12 (btn 13) ito Saratoga Gold (10-22) (Epsons 14) (Epso

4.40 IAN HAWORTH IS 40 HANDICAP (DIV 1) (6); value to the winner £3,456; 7f.

5.50 WAYNE GARDINER MEMORIAL HANDICAP (5); value to the winner £3,996; 1m 4f. (10 runners)

BETTING: 9-2 Glittering Choice, 5 Ice House, Licit, 11-2 King Francis, 6 Winklevi WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2021: No corresponding race.

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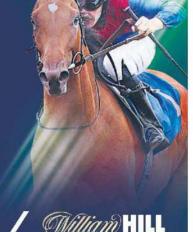
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rytheone 4-9-13 Ben Coen 2-1 Fav (J P Murtagh) drawn 2, 8 ran.
IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF FILLIES MAIDEN; 2-y-o;
Value to the winner €9,600; 1m. (12 runners)
5 ASTAR 72 D Weld 9-2 Chris Hayes 95
BYE BYE BAE J McConnell 9-2 Gary Carnoll 82
0 CLOUGHANEELY WOR 11 E Sheehy 9-2 Share Crosse 71
CS Share Crosse 71 1 (1) 5ASTAR 72 D Weld 92 ... Chris Hayes 95 ... Ch

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 1 1 4 1 2021: History 9-2 Wayne Lordan 13-8 Fav (A P O'Brien) drawn 6, 16 ran.							
2.45 Value to the winner £9 600: 1m (13 runners)							
value to the winner €9,600; 1m. (13 runners)							
1 (1) 9 BROAD DAYLIGHT 21 (T+) J Bolger 9-5							
2 (12) CAGE RATTLER J Kinsella 9-5Conor Maxwell —							
3 (7) CANT CATCH CAMACHO M Doyle 9-5Gearoid Brouder (5) —							
4 (3) 6 COVENT GARDEN 28 A O'Brien 9-5							
5 (2) 07 DREAMINGOFDELANEY 49 (T★) P Mulligan 9-5							
6 (13) 5 HIPPODROME 28 A O'Brien 9-5Seamie Heffernan ●99							
7 (6) 593 LONG COUNT 10 J Bolger 9-5Kevin Manning 96							
8 (10) 0 MAN OF STYLE 117 (P) K Cotter 9-5							
9 (5) 53 MISTER MISTER 17 (BF) J O'Brien 9-5 Dylan McMonagle 95							
10 (9) 6 NEWPORT 28 D O'Brien 9-5							
10 (9) 6 NEWPORT 28 D O'Brien 9-5							
12 (11) 954 PIGEON HOUSE 10 J Harrington 9-5Shane Foley 96							
13 (8) SQUIRE DANAGHER A Oliver 9-5Billy Lee —							
BETTING: 5-2 Mister Mister, 11-4 Hippodrome, 7-2 Covent Garden, 8 Pigeon House							
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 1 1-4 2 1							

2021: Scriptwriter 9-5 Seamle Heffernan 11-8 Fav (A P O'Brien) dr 1, 13 ran.						
3.20 VOIN THE GOWRAN PARK RACING CLUB HANDICAP; value to the winner €6,000; 1m. (16 runners)						
1 (7) 22538-0 SWISS ARMY OFFICER 21 (D) K Coleman 7-10-2 . Rachel Phelan (10) 83 2 (15) -335093 YOU OWE ME MONEY 11 (BF) G O'Leary 4-10-2 Jamie Powell (7) 98						
3 (12) 2253 PLANKTON 44 (P★) A McNamara 3-9-12Colin Keane 96						
4 (19) -303461 PHOENIX OPEN 17 (P,T;CD) S Duffy 6-9-8Kevin Manning ●99						
5 (16) 750086 RALEIGH BRIDGE 16 (B) G O'Leary 3-9-8						
7 (13) 090-090 NAWRAQ 48 K Smith 3-9-6						
8 (3) 0002530 REVERBERATION 35 (BF.D) J Lambe 7-9-6 Seamie Heffernan 83						
9 (11) 00/000- BROKEN SILENCE 380 (P) R Roberts 6-9-5Declan McDonogh 70						
10 (1) 0406033 SALT WHISTLE BAY 4 (P;D) J Levins 8-9-4Joseph Sheridan (3) 96						
11 (2) 6902002 TAKE MY HAND 79 (D) M Mulvany 5-9-1						
13 (5) 2207943 MIRACLES IN MAY 10 (D) M Cahill 7-9-0						
14 (10) 7/089-2 SPECKLED MEADOW 14 T O'Brien 5-9-0						
15 (4) 648-806 ROCKVIEW ROMAN 164 J McConnell 6-8-13Siobhan Rutledge (5) 90						
16 (17) 00000- ZEYARAAT 334 T McGuinness 4-8-12Killian Leonard 72						
17 (18) 7090-09 THREESCOREANDTEN 154 (T) P Lawlor 3-8-11						
19 (14) 3/0-000 YA YA BABY 72 (B*;D) P McCreery 5-9-6						
BETTING: 4 Phoenix Open, 9-2 You Owe Me Money, 13-2 Reverberation, 7 Plankton						

BETTING: 4 Phoenix Open, 9-2 You Owe Me Money, 13-2 Reverberation, 7 Plankto WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 4
2021: Fennor Cross 4-9-4 Donagh O'Connor 12-1 (J McConnell) dr 5, 16 ran.

19	н		AVARAC	.K & LA	NWAL	JES 5 I	UD FILLI	IES 5 I	AKES I
Iэ	J.	J /(C	ROUP :	3); €36	,000;	1m 1f	100yds	. (1	AKES .7 runners)
1	(7)	0-83107	CELTIC C	ROWN 6	(C.D) J	Murphy 5	-9-7		Gary Carroll 90
2	(10)	37-1303	HAZIYA 3	0 J O'Brie	n 4-9-7			M	Gary Carroll 90 key Sheehy 93
3	(12)	7068180	HIMALAY	AN BEAL	JTY 38 (P:C) J Ha	arrington 4-9	-7T	om Madden 86
4	(13)	0-91212	MAGIC C	HEGAGA	21 (D) È	Duffy 5-	9-7		Colin Keane 97
5	(9)	1128-72	THE BLU	E BRILLIA	ANT 122	(P) J Ha	rrinaton 4-9-	7	Gavin Rvan 94
6	(9)	10-9730	VENICE E	BIENNALE	53 J M	urphy 4-9	-7	Ro	bbie Colgan 75
7	(17)	12-4168	TRANQU	IL LADY 8	33 (T★) .	J Ö'Brien	3-9-5	Dvlan	McMonagle 98
8	(15)	9651	BELIEVE	NMIRAC	LES 38 (H:CD) W	McCreery 3	3-9-2. Na	than Crosse 83
9	(16)	-521412	CIGAMIA	36 W Mc	Creery 3	-9-2			Billy Lee 99
10	(11)	13	FIZZICAL	. 123 J Sta	ack 3-9-2			N	lark Enright 90
11	(3)	1221653	GALLERI	A BORGH	IESE 6 A	O'Brien	3-9-2	W	ayne Lordan 98
12	(1)	11-3576	KAWIDA	34 E Walk	er (UK) 3	3-9-2		Declar	McDonogh 92
13	(2)	5135	MISS MIF	RABELL 6	2 (P*:B	F.C) J M	urtagh 3-9-2		Ben Coen 89
14	(6)	2322261	PARIS PE	ACOCK :	38 (P:ĆE) J Harri	naton 3-9-2.		Shane Foley 96 e Heffernan 89
15	(8)	6965747	PRETTIES	ST 22 (T)	A O'Brie	ń 3-9-2	J	Seami	e Heffernan 89

GOING: SOFT

EAMONN HAMES	TOM PEPPER
1.35Marcher Lord	1.35Pretty Rebel
2.10Lumiere Rock	2.10Delightful
2.45 Mister Mister	2.45Hippodrome
3.20 MIRACLES IN MAY (nap)	3.20Salt Whistle Bay
3.55 Magic Chegaga (nb)	3.55 Term Of Endearment
4.30Zuhra	4.30 Blackcastle Storm
5.05Three Laws	5.05The Lute Player
5.40Takarengo	5.40Ambitious Fellow

■TIC-TAC: R-H oval, undulating course of 1m 3f with a 3f run-in and a uphill finish.
■DRAW: None. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2017-2022); J P Ofteria 83-54, J P Murtagh 1321-134, A P Offeria 31-157, J Harmigton 24-218. THIS SEASON: J P Murtagh 11.
■TOP JOCKEYS (2017-2022); C T Keane 54-311, S Foley 27-295, B Coen 24-157, W Library 11, S Foley 11, S Foley 11, S Foley 12, S Foley 12, S Foley 12, S Foley 12, S Foley 13, S Foley 13, S Foley 14, S Foley 14,

16 (5) 1-39 SUWAYRA 87 (B) D Weld 3-9-2. Chris Hayes 90 17 (14) 6-14 TERM OF ENDEARMENT 87 (14 x CD) H Bromhead 3-9-2. Shane Crosse 86 (14) 3-298-25 ESCULENTA 38 (H) J Murtagn 3-9-2. RSERIVE 80 BETTING: 5 Cigamia, 11-2 Tranquil Lady, 6 Calleria Borghese, 8Paris Peacock WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1-0. 4 4 7 2

2021: Astadash 4-9-7 Wayne Lordan 11-2 (J Harrington) drawn 1, 14 ran.						
4 20	IRISH INJURED JOCKEYS FUND APPREN	TICE HANDICAP				
4.3U /	IRISH INJURED JOCKEYS FUND APPREN winner €6,600; 1m 1f 100yds.	(20 runners				
1 (9) 04120	035 APPLE OF HIS EYE 11 R Brabazon 4-10-0	C Geerdharry (7) 9:				
2 (12) 8-004	421 BLACKCASTLE STORM 15 (T) M Smith 5-10-0	Jake Coen 9:				
3 (19) 46743	382 DARE TO FLARE 16 A Slattery 6-10-0	Amy Jo Hayes (4) 9				
4 (15) 09-67 5 (2) 21055	743 SHEER CHANCE 56 J O'Brien 4-9-13	Dylan McMonagle 9				
5 (2) 21055	520 MORNING APPROACH 23 W McCreery 4-9-11	Nathan Crosse 8				
6 (7) 0-247	745 KNOCKNAKILLA 53 (P) G O'Leary 4-9-10	D King (4) 9				
7 (4) 38-01	104 GHUMAMA 17 (P,T) D Hogan 4-9-9	Joseph Sheridan 8				
8 (18) 8-09	9111 HEATHER BEAR 61 (CD) A Slattery 3-9-9	C Horgan (4) 99				
9 (16) 723-5	526 PRIME CHIEF 57 J Fahey 7-9-9	Siobhan Rutledge 9-				
10 (1) 08030	526 PRIME CHIEF 57 J Fàhey 7-9-9 D15 BREWEL HILL 15 (CD) G Brouder 6-9-8	Scott McCullagh 9				
11 (5) 36-4	463 ZUHRA 100 (P) J Murtagh 3-9-8	Jamie Powell (2) 9				
12 (10) 537/0	00- GREAT GREY 327 L Comer 7-9-7	Luke McAteer 7:				
13 (11) 8332	-80 INVETERATE 11 (P) T Cogan 4-9-7	J Cleary (4) 8				
14 (17) 82566	353 ACTION MOTION 15 (V *) A Oliver 3-9-3					
15 (8) 88-0	142 FOOLS GLORY 30 (T) P McEnery 3-9-3	Mikey Sheehy 9:				
16 (14) -9002	142 FOOLS GLORY 30 (T) P McEnery 3-9-3 240 GRAPPA NONINO 30 (P) D Weld 3-9-2	O Enright (7) 8				
17 (3) 12397	725 LAMPROG 11 (B*;C,D) R Cody 3-9-2	J J G Rvan (4) 8				
18 (13) 869	9-9 DARISANA J22 P Rothwell 3-8-11	RESERVÉ 7				
19 (20) 3220	028 BARRETSTOWN 38 C O'Dwyer 4-9-2	RESERVE 8				
20 (6) 8	60- BACK O' THE NET 400 S Harty 6-8-10	RESERVE 7				
BETTING: 6	Heather Bear, 8 Action Motion, Zuhra, Sheer Ch	ance, 10 Dare To Flar				
WHERE EAV	OURITES FINISHED: 1 8-9					

2021: Ideal Pal 5-9-9 W Joyce 25-1 (M Mulvany) drawn 1, 16 ran.										
Е	n	=\R	ACING	AGAIN	SEPT	T 30TH	AND O	CT 1S	T MAIL	DEN:
IJ	.Ui	1 /W	inner €	7,200); 1m	1f 100	I AND O		(17 rt	ınners)
1	(10)	0040-	ANTHEM	400 A	Slattery	4-9-13			Andy S	lattery 74
2	(13)	3074997	FANCY F	ED DIA	MONĎ	16 B Fitze	gerald 4-9-13	3 D e	clan McD	onogh 88
3		335-050	MANWA	L 43 (H)	T Collin	ıs 4-9-13			Ronan \	Vhelan 82
4	(4)	000-	RURAL (CAPITAL	. 343 M	Fahey 4-	9-13		Gavi	n Ryan 74
5	(7)	/34526-	SCRUM	HALF 33	38 N Me	ade 4-9-1	3		Colin	Keane 98
6	(2)	07-0750	BELIEVE	IN SCIE	NCE 2	7 J Bolge	r 3-9-8		. Kevin M	anning 90
7	(14)	8-0506	GLANDO	RE HAP	RBOUR	10 (P) JI	Murphy 4-9-	88	B	lly Lee 93
8	(1)	8 33 6 8	ONLY FO	R ME 5	2 J Mag	nier 3-9-8	3	L	uke McAt	eer (3) 88
9	(12)	3283254	PROPHE	TS VOIC	CE 4 (P)	J Murph	y 3-9-8		Gary	Carroll 97
10	(5)	0-37	THE LUT	E PLAY	ER 10 (B★) A O'	Brien 3-9-8	Se	eamie Het	fernan 94
11	(15)	076	THEOPH	ILOS 37	' J Murti	agh 3-9-8			Be	n Coen 93
12	(9)	053306	ACTUAL	LY 23 M	Mulvan	ıy 3-9-3			Jamie Por	vell (7) 90
13	(3)	3 8868	CHERUB	19 (T)	A O'Brie	ń 3-9-3			Wayne	Lordan 95
14	(16)	4047	INCHIQU	IN MAII	17 D E	3udds 3-9	l-3		Jake C	oen (5) 89
15	(17)	06-8	MILTONI	A 23 H I	Bromhe	ad 3-9-3			Mark I	Inright 80
16	(11)	33452	THREE L	AWS 16	(P) J H	arrington	3-9-3		Shane	Foley •99
17	(6)	64-798	TWINS F	OR JOY	52 T G	bney 3-9	-3		Chris	Hayes 75
BE.	TTIN	NG: 11-2	Three La	ws, 6 Th	ne Lute	Player, 8	3 Prophets	Voice,	Actually,	Cherub

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2
2021: Bonte Moi 3-9-2 Conor Hoban 17-2 (J Harrington) drawn 4, 17 ran.

5.4	CORINTHIAN CHALLENGE CHARITY RA	ICE SERIES;
40	value to the winner €60; 1m 4f.	(14 runners)
1	740/93- BRAZOS J143 (D) J Murphy 8-12-7	M O'Brien
2	3400-09 STILL STANDING 38 W Durkan 7-12-7	Neil Durkan
3	6651387 TAKARENGO 16 (D) T Mullins 6-12-7	J D Davis
4	2/33888 ADVANTAGE POINT 30 E & P Harty 9-12-0	F D Dowling
5	AMBITIOUS FELLOW J49 P Fahey 6-12-0	
6	456-205 CASTLETOWNSHEND 9 T Walsh 7-12-0	
7	ELUSIVE GUY J8 J Fahey 4-12-0	Laura Bennett
8	8/0800- FUTURE PROOF J64 (D) P Rothwell 7-12-0	IVI V Vallet
9 10	28/005- GOLDEN SPEAR J142 (T;D) A Martin 11-12-0 TELECON J25 M Fahey 5-12-0	D K Kyan
11	89-2560 THE MOUSE DOCTOR 62 (T;D) A Martin 9-12-0	S B Begley
12	330- WANTAGE 484 J Hanlon 4-12-0	I R Brunett
13	8770-09 YORKSHIRE PIRLO 45 (T) J Hanlon 4-12-0	Mr C K Kileff
14	77-3930 MORNING DEW 45 A Kinirons 6-11-9	J T Tyner
15	0523-96 FAVORITE MOON J1 (D) W Durkan 5-12-7	RESERVE
16	8/000-0 ETERNAL PRINCE J41 (T) J Lambe 5-12-0	RESERVE
BET	FING: 11-4 Ambitious Fellow, 9-2 Brazos, 5 Telecon, 6 Still S	Standing, Takarengo

Favourite

REST OF TODAY'S ACTION



NEWMARKET

1.31	TURNERS BRITISH EBF FILLIES' N	
וטיו	(Class 4); 2-y-o; winner £4,320; 1	m. (13 runners)
1 (12)	61 CHELSEA GREEN 28 H Palmer 9-8	Harry Davies (3) •99
2 (9)	0 ARIKARA 45 P Chapple-Hyam 9-2	Shane W Kelly 73
2 (9) 3 (7)	74 BEAUTIFUL STAR 11 R Hannon 9-2	Dane O'Neill 92
4 (5)	CLIMATE FRIENDLY R Varian 9-2	Rav Dawson —
4 (5) 5 (13)	DOOM W Haggas 9-2	Cieren Fallon —
6 (11)	3 FORTIS REGIÑA 22 (H) J & T Gosden 9-2	Robert Havlin 98
7 (3)	5 GENTLE WHINNY 28 D Coakley 9-2	Tom Queally 87
6 (11) 7 (3) 8 (4)	78 LADY CLEMMIE 22 (H★) J Feilden 9-2	Dylan Hogan 72
9 (10)	33 NATIVE MELODY 18 G Kelleway 9-2	Cameron Noble 89
10 (8)	SCENIC E Walker 9-2	Pat Cosgrave —
11 (6)	2 THERAPIST 42 A Balding 9-2	Havley Turner 94
12 (1)	THROUBI J Fanshawe 9-2	Daniel Muscutt -
13 (2)	TRUST THE STARS R Beckett 9-2	Hector Crouch -
BETTING	3: 9-4 Fortis Regina, 9-2 Chelsea Green, 7 Climat	e Friendly, Doom
WHERE	FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 1-3 1 1 1	

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 1-3 1 1 1 2021: Mellow Yellow 9-0 Cieren Fallon 11-4 Fav (W Haggas) drawn 1, 8 ran

	202 i. Mellow Tellow 3-0 Oleren Fallon FT-4 Fav (W Haggas) Grawn 1, 0 fall.						
Z	n	TURNERS FILLIES' HAND	DICAP (3); value to the				
Ľ	4.U	winner £8,100; 1m.	(8 runners)				
1	(5)		3-9-10Robert Havlin 96				
2	(1)		9Hector Crouch 87				
3	(2)	22-1183 WASHRAA 70 (BF,D) O Burrow	/s 3-9-3 Harry Davies (3) 93				
4	(6)		2 Dane O'Neill •99				
5	(7)	91-6 QUEENLET 143 (T★;D) W Hag	gas 3-8-12Cieren Fallon 90				
6	(8)		12Jamie Spencer 96				
7	(4)		k 3-8-7Hayley Turner 92				
8	(3)		& M Johnston 3-8-5 John Egan 86				
			nlet, 6 Natasha, 7 Tamarama, 12 Aiming				
		Eidikos, 16 Rainbow Colours					
	WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 2 1 5 2						
20)21: ľ	Madame Tantzy 5-8-7 Georgia Dobie	3-1 (E J-Houghton) drawn 5, 6 ran.				

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NATASHA (9-9) 7-2 led after 2f, headed 1f out, weakened, 6th of 9 (btn 9/J4) to State Occasion (9-13) (Goodwood 1/4m heap (2) £18,319 good to firm). EIDIKOS (9-0) 11-1 close up, lost place 2f out, soon no extra, weakened, 12th of 14 (btn 13) to Adaay in Asia (9-1) (York 71 heap (2) £51,540 good). WASHRAA (9-2) 11-4 fav chassed leaders, 351,540 good). The state of the

ridden 2f out, weakened, tast of 6
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Syr Ill state (S 101.800) good of firm).

RAINBOW COLOURS (8-8) 10-11 led
going well 2f out, ridden and headed
run-in, kept on, bit n1/J by Crystal
Caprice (9-4) TAMARAMA (9-0) 8-1
rear, switched 2f out, ran on strongly,
4th (bit 3/J) (12 ran) (Goodwood Im
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5	(5)	21-6426	WONDER	RFUL WOR	LD 70 (BF,	D) M Channo	n 3-9-8	Dane O'Neill 93
6	(8)	1210346	TWELFT	KNIGHT	15 (P;D) A	Watson 3-9-7	T	aylor Fisher (7) 86
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BETTING: 5 Mellys Phyer, 6 Celsius, 7 Got No Dollars, Equiano Springs, 8 Akkeringa, Alcazan, 10 Twelfith Knight, 12 Shark Two One, Prontissimo, 14 Hello Zabeel
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2.06Washraa	2.06Washraa
2.41Chola Empire	2.41 Bell Shot
3.16Equiano Springs	3.16Akkeringa
3.51Rajinsky	3.51Diamond Bay
4.26Belhaven	4.26Value Theory
5.01Hotspur Harry	5.01Masque Of Anarchy

■TIC-TAC: The Rowley Mile is an undulating wide course of 2m4f with a right-handed bend at hallway. Races up to 1m2 are straight with a downhill slope at the 2° marker and an upinil final futnoring. ■DRAW None. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2017-2022): C Appleby 89-231, J & T Gosden 50-292, R Varian 57-222, W Hapgas 28-216. THIS SEASON. C Appleby 12. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2017-2022): R Havin 10-97, P Cosgrave 8-48, D ONell 7-52. C Fallon 7-35. THIS SEASON: H Davies 3. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER. SI Pilato (501) & Fast Steps (501) trained at Culiompton. Round trip of 436 miles.

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1 (6)	816-134 RAJINSKY 84 H Palmer 6-9-12Ha	rry Davies (3) 98

Third last year, won well at Ascot last month, should be in the mix
12161-6 PRINCE IMPERIAL 21 (B) R Hughes 5-9-2......Pat Cosgrave 92

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RAJINSKY (8-12) 8-1 mid-division, ridden 2f out, went 4th inside final furlong, kept on, 4th of 20 (bm 3)) to Trueshan (10-9) THEMAXWECAN (8-12) 8-1 mid-division, ridden and struggling over 3f out, 12th (bit 14) Albandon 2f (30-2) (3

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WOLVERHAMPTON

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6 HANDICAP (5): winner £4,536;
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GOING: STANDARD

TEMPLEGATE: 4.50 Cariad, 5.25 Rose Of Ithaca, 5.55 Sarah's Verse, 6.30 Explicit, 7.00 Griggy, 7.30 Admirable Lad, 8.00 Rose Fandango, 8.30 Brazen Diamond

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"TIC-TAC: L+, very fight Tapte all-weather track of 1m, with
a 30yd run-in. Races over 6l and 7f start on separate chutes.

"DRAW: None. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2017-2022); P Evans
75-639, C & M Johnston 71-505, M Appleby 68-619. THIS
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Morris 110-1107, C Shepherd 51-417, K O'Neil 41-416. THIS
SEASON: K O'Neill 9. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Buraback
(6.30) 410 miles. ■TIEST BIN SINCE WIND O'P. Baileys Biling
(7.30), Mumma Mac (8.30). ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

(8.30) 410 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: Balleys Bling (7.30), Murma Mac (8.30) <u>LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING</u>

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HANDICAP (6); winner £3,726;
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MAIDEN HURDLE; winner €7,501;

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4.20 Riaan, 4.55 Bugs Moran, 5.30 Gondor,
6.00 Champagne Fame
TOM PEPPER: 2.00 Old Bill Barley, 2.35 High
City Roller, 3.10 Tullypole Annie, 3.45 Virtual
0scar, 4.20 Diauro, 4.55 The Friday Man,
5.30 Florey Spud, 6.00 Beasley Street

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(2017-2022): G Elliott 92-497, W P Mullins 27-145, H De
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HANDICAP HURDLE; winner €6, 300;

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AFTER a shaky start this season, Liverpool's Jurgen Klopp is just 12-1 with Paddy Power to be the next Prem boss to go. Leicester's Brendan Rodgers is the

Arsenal and Manchester United to finish in the top four in any order is 12-1 with Ladbrokes.

Inside line from **CORAL** football traders

Brighton were probably a victim of their own success under Graham Potter, in that so-called

Potter, in that so-called big clubs were always going to come calling. Chelsea got there first. But the most influential person at the club is surely owner Tony Bloom — and this shrewd operator has to be trusted to make the right annountment when

We certainly don't see Potter's exit derailing the Seagulls, as they remain 12-5 for a top-

Potter's Franck for France ement, France Kjetil Knutsen and Cooper have all prominent in the Bloom doesn't

with a slick 3-0 win at

with a slick 3-0 win at Rangers in midweek.
And while they lost at Anfield, Ajax also look a threat, so Jurgen Klopp's men could yet be in for a struggle to get out of that group.

We've got the Reds chalked up at 1-8 to do so — but the Dutch at 6-4 don't look out of it.
And you can still get 40-1 on the Italians to win it. City remain our favourites at 2-1, rollowed by PSG at 5-1 and Bayern at 11-2.

COULD BE HARY TIME SOON
Five goals in six Prem

Five goals in six Prem games this season earned Brentford's Ivan

Toney an England call-up this week.

And he's now crashed in to 2-7 from 9-4 to make the World Cup squad.

squad.

Harvey Elliott has been one of the few positives in a tough start to this campaign for Liverpool. At 7-2, the midfielder, 19, is no rank outsider to force his way into the 26.



SCAN FOR ALL

CORAL MARKET LEADER

FIII HAM hitman Aleksandar Mitro-vic is four goals behind Prem top Frling scorer Erling Haaland, who has ten. Mitro is 20-1 with Coral to win the Golden Boot.

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This week it's Everton v West Ham tomorrow.

So, Q1: Who will win? Q2: When will the first goal be scored? Q3: How many corners wil there be? Q4: Hov will many players be carded?





Wolves v Man City

Haaland to score in both halves for City

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Frank's fighters are up for scrap

FRANK LAMPARD has had plenty thrown at him over the years — and let's face it, he was never fat — but no one ever said he was afraid of hard work. Which is just as well now he's Everton manager.

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And like their ever-earnest boss, the Toffees are already showing they know they have to put in a shift every time they cross the white line.

Which is also just as well, because in a Premier League stacked with expensive talent, if they didn't their prospects would be even bleaker than they already are.

Six games in and yet to win, having scored only one goal at home. But no one at Goodison is calling for Frank's head on a stick, yet, because everyone can see him and his team are putting in 110 per cent, Brian. So far that's been enough to grind out four draws — Brentford and Leeds away, Forest

in association with STAR SPORTS

and Mersey rivals Liverpool at home. And that's the last four games, so the trend is upward. Now scratching my head, I'm trying to think who's given Frank more stick than anyone over the years. Oh yeah, West Ham fans.

So tomorrow's trip to Goodison is a sticky fixture given, despite laying out £120million over the summer, they haven't won in six games either.

Little then in terms of good news for either side, as Sporting Index head trader Neville Burdock puts it: "Both West Ham and Everton are performing below our pre-season predictions so far.

"We had the Toffees finish-

ing on 44 points in 13th. But we've had to revise their pre-dicted total to 39 points – leaving them perilously close to the drop in 17th place. "But there appears to be more confidence behind the

more confidence behind the Hammers bouncing back, with their predicted points total now 49, only two lower than when the campaign started.

"The current relegation betting reflects that trend, with Everton only 2-1 for the drop, while the Hammers are a much longer 14-1."

RELEGATION ODDS (Coral): 4-9 Bournemouth; 8-11 Forest; 2-1 Leicester, 5-2 Everton; 10-3 Fulham, Southampton; 7-2 Leeds; 9-2 Wolves; 5-1 Villia; 7-1 Berntfort; 14-1 West Ham.

While Lamps is without injured keeper

Jordan Pickford, talk is Dominic Calvin-Lewin will be back to lead the line. Given the solid base Conor Coady and James Tarkowski are providing at the back, and the marauding presence of Amadou Onana in midfield, DCL's return tips this in

tne marauding presence of Amadou Onana in midfield, DCL's return tips this in favour of the home side.

The Hammers are solid 6-4 favourites and have won on three of their last four visits to Goodison, while Lamps' lads can be had at 23-10.

Neither of these is what you call a working man's price, so my preference is 1-0 Everton at a best-priced 9-1 with Bet365 or the 11-1 on 2-1 with the same firm.

If you do fancy the Hammers, the boosted 9-2 from BoyleSports and BTTS fits the bill as might Betway's 3-1 David Moyes' side win to nil.

Anyway, Fat's all folks.



Brentford

Tomorrow, noon, Sty Sports of Bayens

ARSENAL may be top of the league this morning but will need to take care in the Brentford Community Stadium tomorrow.

For one thing, they got battered there on opening night last season.

And for another, only Man City have scored more goals than the Bees this term. Of those 15 goals in six games, Ivan Toney, deservedly in the England squad, has got five.

Form lines? The Bees smashed Man United 4-0 last month, while the Gunners lost at Old Trafford last time out.

A 7-2 shock could be on. No shock if Toney obliges with the opener at 13-2 with BoyleSports.

FORECAST: 2-1

Brentford to beat Arsenal and BTTS



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Leicester

5.30pm, 57 sports 5

F there's a banker in the Prem his weekend, this is surely it.

Spurs switched off in injury-time o lose their first game this term it sporting Lisbon in midweek.

You can be sure boss Antonio onte will have been charged up in training since.

Then there's the state of elicester in the 5-2 hammering at Brighton last time out.

The Foxes are 2-1 to go down and have much to do turn it tround. Not here. Son Heung-min (left) is the 5-1 tip to get the first goal and his first this term.

FORECAST: 3-0

OUTSIDE the Big Six, Newcastle are next best with Coral at 9-4 to finish in the top six. Then they go 12-5 Brighton, 7-1 West Ham, 12-1 Palace, 16-1 Brent-

Favourite



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MOTAGALLY could prove to be a gilt-edged bet in the Gold Cup (3.40).

Avr Gold Cup (3.40).

William Hill are paying a handy six places in this Caledonian cavalry charge and report serious each-way cash for Scott Dixon's star.

This speedball has turned inside-out since connections altered his gym routine and the shrewdies have smashed him in from 33s to 12-1.

And there has been lumpy each-way lolly for Aplomb (16-1 to 14s) in the Silver Cup (2.30).

There are six places up for grabs online with Hills in this one too and the clever money suggests Jane Chapple-Hyam's bruiser will hit the frame.

Meanwhile, a night out at

bruiser will hit the frame.

Meanwhile, a night out at Kempton Park isn't John Gosden's cup of Darjeeling.

So, eagle-eyed locals did a double-take when the great man pitched up at the Sunbury gaff to watch Sweet William stretch his legs on Monday.

This big boy was a right handful in the prelims and performed miracles to finish second after getting left in the gates.

Johnny G was chuffed with the leg-loosener and its dollars to doughnuts his nag will hit

Ine Spiv has just divorced his cross-eyed wife . . she was seeing someone on the side. That left the old rascal short of readies, so he gave his pals at Ralph Beckett's yard a bell. The chaps in question told him thay were going hance on

of readies, so he gave his pals at Ralph Beckett's yard a bell. The chaps in question told him they were going banco on Lady Shotgun (6s to 9-4) in a two-bob handicap at sunny Sandown Park.

Beckett's band weighed in with their wonga and dropped enough to make Bill Gates wince when the filly was chinned close home.

The injured parties are still scratching their heads and a retrieval mission is planned. William Haggas copped plenty of flak when he decided to swerve the Arc with Baaeed.

But I'm told the 'Walking Grin' is sugar sweet on Lysander's chance in the Legacy Cup (1.40) at Newbury. Wily will reckons this fella is a Premier League player and the HQ gallop watchers say he has been lapping pigeons at home.

And have a couple of shekels on Warren Point in the 3.25 at Newbury. Godolphin have got this race by the wotsnames and

the jackpot next time. Talking about dollars keep some tucked in your skyrocket for Rod Millman's Safari Dream. Rocket Rod has a belting bunch of two-year-olds and my close pal in the yard is reckons this flying machine is the ace in his pack. An iffy bit of stewarding cost Millman's money-maker a big pot last month. But connections are appealing and they can pay for a decent brief by nabbing some lolly in a tasty sales race at Newmarket on October 1. In other news, my mate Mark Newbury. Godolphin have got this race by the wotsnames and Charlie Appleby's ace is a rock solid 3-1 shot with William Hill.

Spurs to beat Leicester 3-0 tonight



THE DARK HORSE BET

THIS week's TV first-Scorer picks: Kevin
De Bruyne, Son
Heung-min and Ivan
Toney all to score
anytime is a 22-1
treble with Unibet.

PRO BET

BIRMINGHAM to beat Coventry, Norwich to beat West Brom, Wigan to beat Reading, Orient to beat Walsall, Salford to beat Tranmere. Acca pays 43-1 with Coral.

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BRISTOL CITY to win at Burnley,
Sunderland to win at Watford,
Blackpool to win at Millwall,
Cheltenham to win at Accrington,
Shrewsbury to win at Port Vale,
Plymouth to win at Portsmouth,
Wycombe to win at Derby, Barrow to
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win at Newport. Perm 1x8-fold, 8x7-folds, 28x6folds. Acca pays a tasty 56,769-1 with Unibet.

AWAY DAY

SHEFF UTD to win at Preston, Lincoln at Bristol Rovers, Stevenage at Bradford plus Mansfield at Gillingham. Acca pays 36-1 with William Hill.

TOP DRAW

LUTON v Blackburn, Fleetwood v Charlton, Sheff Wed v Ipswich, Crewe v Crawley. Acca pays 115-1 with SkyBet.

Everton to

beat West Ham

by one goal

MAN CITY to win at Wolves, Spurs to beat Leicester, Brentford to beat Arsenal, Everton to beat West Ham. Acca pays 24-1 with Unibet.

TAKE TIME

TO THINK

BEST OF TOMORROW'S RUNNERS IN THE UK

STAKES (Class 5); 2-y-o; E3,942; 5f. (6 runners) 36 COLNAGO 18 (BF) K Burke 9-7 Clifford Lee 95 CONCERT BOY D O'Meara 9-7. Daniel Tudhope 50 ERAZMUS 69 D 8 N Barron 9-7 Kevin Stott 89 31 INSTALLATION 37 (V+;BF) R Fahey 9-7 Olisin Orr ●9-9 8 SMOOTH BED 3 G füer 9-7. Oliver Stammers (3) 72 32 QUEENIE ROONEY 18 (BF) K Dalgleish 9-2Callum Rodriguez 97 6-4 Installation, 5-2 Colnago, 3 Queenie Rooney, 7 Concert Boy, 25 ISmooth Red

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List, Miss Bella Brand, Kentucky Rose, 10 Iris Dancer
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2021: No corresponding race.

Sunracing FORM

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1.30	Colnago	1.30	Colnago
2.00	Fox Hill	2.00	Selby's Pride (nb)
2.30	Gifted Ruler	2.30	Gifted Ruler
3.00	Caleta Sunrise	3.00	GENTLE ELLEN (nap)
3.30	Zig Zag Zyggy	3.30	Birdie Bowers
4.00C	LAN JOCK (nap)	4.00	Haven Lady
4.30	A La Française	4.30	Super Stars

TEMPLEGATE'S TRIO: Clan Jock (Hamilton) and Lusaka (double

Plumpton) with Gifted Ruler (Hamilton). TOM PEPPER'S DOUBLE: Gentle Ellen and Selby's Pride (both Hamilton), SUNRATINGS' NAP: SERGEANT (3.20 Plumpton). SIRIUS, Sun On Sunday, nap: Raydoun (3.00 Hamilton)

■TIC-TAC: Right-handed, loop course with 5f run-in part of straight. Undulating, with testing finishing climb. ■DRAW: Low to middle numbers best in sprints, sepecially on soft ground. ■LeaDING TRAINERS (2017-2022; K. Dalgleish 47-939, R Fabry 38-221, C & M. Johnston 37-196, J Goldie 16, 246, THIS SEASON: J Goldie 16, K Ryan 7, I Jardine 7. ■TOP JOCKEY'S (2017-2022): D Tuthope 26-145, P Mulrenna 26-196, C Rodriguez 23-150, D Allan 23-131. THIS SEASON: P Mulrenna 9, J Hart 6, A Mullen 6. ■LONEST TRAVELLER: Miss Bella Brand (200). Round trip 720 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None. ■JACKPOT: 1-6. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

3.30 SODEXO LIVE! AT HAMILTON PARK HANDICAP (6); value to the winner £3,618; 5f. (13 runner)

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Everton v West Ham

Tomorrow, 2.15pm, sky sports

RACING RESULTS ROUND-UP

1.25: 1 CAERNARFON C Beasley (8-1); 2 Mistly Blues (6-1 fav); 3 Transfer Affection (11-1), 13 ran, ni; 27/4, M Channon. T: £10; £3.30, £1.90, £2.70. Ex: £62.30, Tricast: £452.22. Trifectat: £720.60, CF: £48.24.
2.00: 1 PRAIRIE FALCON C Beasley (5-2); 2 Ramazan (9-4 fav); 3 Reward Smile (6-1) or an, ni; 74/4, M Dods. T: £3.00, £1.20, £1.

E118.90, CF: £9.10.
3.45: 1DANZAN J Hart (8-1); 2 Fast And Loose (40-1); 3 Mattice (12-1); 4 The Thin Blue Line (20-1). 24 ran (Music Society 5-1 fay), shd; 74; shd. T Easterby. T: £8.90; £2.60, £10.80, £4.10, £4.90. Ex: £548.80. Tc: £3395.55. Tf: £3853.70. CF: £290.48. NR: Never Dark. Rule 4 to All Bets, 50 in the Rets, 50

Rule 4 to All Bets, 5p in the £.

4.20: 1 FLYLIKEANEAGLE K Stott

Rule 4 to All Bets, 5p in the £.
4.20: 1 FLYLIKEANEAGLE K Stott (5.1 fay); 2 Ayr Poet (15.2); 3 Zumasty (25-1); 14 ran, nik; /3l. L Russell. T: £6; 22; £2.70, £10.20; Ex £30.40; Tricast: £980.97, Triflecta: £988.70, CF: £43.21; 1910.97, Triflecta: £988.70, CF: £43.21; 1910.97, 1910

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NEWBURY

1.07: 1 LAJODJE R L Moore (5-6 fav); 2 Tough Enough (22-1); 3 Tafreej (13-2). 14 ran. ¾4; ⅓4. Owen Burrows. T: £184; £1.10, £5.80, £2.60. £x: £25. Trifectat: £165.40. CF: £32.16. NR: Kessaar Power, Wadi Bani.

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1.43: 1 SKYSAIL D Costello (9-2);
2 Dark Trooper (12-1); 3 Acai (10-1),
15 ran (Paspaley 11-5 fav), 1/4; 1/4. M
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2.18: 1 CRYSTALLIUM D Egan (7-2);
2 Wyoming (10-3); 3 Secret Solace
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17: £681.50. CF: £15.20. NR: Silver Lady,
2.53: 1 SURELY NOT H Doyle (10-3);
2 Strawberry Belle (4-1); 3 Metahorse
(5-2), 6 ran (The Parent 2-1 fav), 3/4; shd.
D F Davis, T: £4.34; £1.80, £2.10. Ex:
£14.30. Trifecta: £44.50. CF: £16.70.
3.28: 1 STORMBUSTER D Probert

£14.30. Trifecta: £44.50. CF: £16.70.
3.28: 1 \$TORMBUSTER D Probert
(6-1); 2 Highbank (8-13 fav); 3 Classic
(9-4), 4 ran. 5; th. A Balding, T: £7; £v.
£29.50. Trifecta: £12.40. CF: £10.60.
4.03: 1 \$AGRED T Marquand (10-11
fav); 2 \$aleymm (10-3); 3 \$hine \$o\$
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Separate Ways, Tiger Orchid.

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GREYHOUNDS

By CHRIS OLIVER

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PRO AM could be Callaway and gone in the Boylesports Irish Derby semis tonight.

Things are really warming up in the big one at Shelbourne Park and while this opening semi could hardly be any hotter, Callaway Pro Am (4) is fancied to come out on top.

Outright favourite Coolavanny Hoffa will be popular after another a demolition job a week ago, but he could be held upearly doors by fellow wide seed Born Warrior and that may pave the way for the tip to cut loose. The only runner still unbeaten in the event, Owen McKenna's charge beat Coolavanny Hoffa in the third round and still appears to be improving.

The second semi could be a family affair between littermates Ballymac Finn and Maries Wedding (3), both of whom did the business last Saturday.

The former has brute early speed and looks sure to lead again, but his sister possesses serious gears and her late charge could prove too strong.

Two semis of the Michael Fortune Memorial Derby Plate also feature at the Dublin track and it's hard to oppose Kildare (6) at 8.06.

The English Derby runner-up has blown his rivals away with brilliant front-running performances in the last two weeks and his early dash can take him round in front again here.

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The first instalment at 7.47 looks more open but there is a lot to like about the chances of Garryvoe Joe (4).

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Graham Holland's dog has only had six starts and has shown serious potential in winning his last two.

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WE'VE had it all lately.

FIT FOR A QUEEN ... jock

WE'VE had it all lately.

The good, the Baaeed and the downright ugly.

Let's start with something positive because I've given Arena Racing, the owners of 16 race-courses, lots of stick in the past. So it is only fair to applaud the way they handled the hastily rescheduled St Leger meeting at Doncaster on Sunday.

The sombre yet uplifting tone of the meeting, which marked a return for the sport after 48 hours away, was spot on. There were plenty of touching tributes to the Queen around the race-course and the quality on the track was top-notch. The bestever card for a St Leger day.

The whole occasion was as fitting a mark of respect and remembrance as I've seen.

It feels like there is always some sort of tension or in-fighting going on in this highly politicised sport.

So it has been uplifting to see the entire industry come

So it has been uplifting to see the entire industry come together to honour the Queen. After all, she was the game's best friend and greatest supporter. She leaves a huge hole that will never be filled.

Now for the bad. or the Baaeed, if you will. It has been announced the unbeaten superstar will end his brilliant career at Ascot in the Champion

star will end his brilliant career
at Ascot in the Champion
Stakes, NOT in the Arc.
That's despite William Haggas
strongly suggesting in recent
weeks that a trip to Longchamp
on was on the cards.

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The secuse they are trotting out is they are fearful of running the great horse over a mile and a half on bad ground in France. Well, I've got news

for Team Haggas. A quick glance at the long-range fore-cast suggests the weather is set fair across the Channel — we might even get a good ground for the Arc on October 2.

Wouldn't it be ironic if the going then ended up bottomless on Champions' Day two weeks' later? That's a real possibility. There has been plenty of comment in the media about Haggas' decision in recent days, but let's just say it how it is. Haggas has put his own personal ambitions ahead of the sport. He wants to run his galloping cash register at Ascot because he is desperate to win his first trainers' championship. Baaeed will scoop £750,000 if he wins the Champion Stakes.

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Baaeed will scoop £750,000 if he wins the Champion Stakes. That is not so much an 'if', more like a 'when' as such is the four-year-old's superiority he basically just needs to turn up to secure Haggas his first trainers' crown.

Just about the only person in racing left with a grin on his face at the news of Baaeed's plans was Sir Mark Prescott.

After all, he now stands a great chance of winning a first Arc with Alpinista.

Longchamp's loss is absolutely British Champion Day's gain.

But Baaeed is the kind of horse who comes around once a decade – if you're lucky – and he should be ending his career in Europe's greatest race. It's bad for racing.

As for the ugly, we have had two very high-profile jockeys allegedly failing drug tests in a little over a week. Sun Racing exclusively broke the news of both but it wasn't an easy thing to do such was the wall of

silence we were met with. First silence we were met with. First it was Marco Ghiani on September 7 then, just two days, ago the same fate befell Classic winner Sean Levey.

The failed tests are ugly in themselves, but the way the authorities and the sport close ranks around these issues isn't pretty either.

at Doncaster

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In the cloak and dagger stakes, it's racing first and the rest nowhere.

My colleagues and Iput some very simple questions forward to the BHA in recent days.

Most would require a simple yes or no answer, but instead we were told it's 'confidential' or hit with a 'no comment'.

We were treated like naughty schoolboys who had the nerve to question the establishment.

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more open.
Really? If so, their hands are
being tied by those above them.
Why the secrecy?
In most other sports, a failed
drug test would be reported
quickly and openly.
Racing has become paranoid
and insecure and offcials full of
their own self-importance.
It's not quite the Kremlin, but
it is embarrassing how far the
BHA will go in a bid to cover
up embarrassing news.
Rather than risk negative
headlines, our so-called 'leaders'
prefer the method of burying
their head in the sand.
Racing chiefs need to take the

Racing chiefs need to take the blinkers off and look around them every once in a while.

A bit of honesty and transparency goes a long way.

OPERA singer-turned trainer Heather Main will sing the national anthem at Newbury today. The US native, who has performed solo at the Royal Albert Hall in the past, swapped the stage for the stables around 12 years ago.

She sings to her horses at her Wantage yard, as she believes it keeps them relaxed. Main is enjoying her best-ever season with over £225,000 already won. But before she saddles Marshal Dan later on the card, she

will give her own rendition of God Save The King before the first race at 1pm. It will be shown on ITV4. Main said: "It was a great homour to be asked and I was happy to accept.

"Her Majesty had a very special relationship with our sport as a breeder, owner and patron. "I had runners in the same race as her on several occasions, especially at Newbury, and it was always very special standing in the parade ring being so close to her."



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WOLVES earned their first win in 13 Prem games v Southampton last time out, while they are looking to win back-to-back home league games for the first time since last November.



Costa is perfect bad guy for Lage

By GRAHAM HILL

BRUNO LAGE reckons Diego Costa's hardman reputation will stop Wolves being a soft touch. And he even joked: "He'll break your leg if we need to win the game!" The former Chelsea hitman, 33, only joined Wolves as a free agent on Tuesday.

Wolves as a fr agent on Tuesday. But Lage says the fiery Brazil-born Spaniard could still face Prem champs Manchester City today. And

the Molineux boss "If revealed: you're going to play one on one against him, then he will break your leg if he needd

leg if he needed to win the game!
"I'm joking of course, but you have to be like that.
"Not only do the fans enjoy it, the manager does, also.
"I want combative players who do all they can do to win the games.
"If you want to press and be aggressive, you can't be too nice.

'Sometimes I see that when we press — other teams come at

other teams come at us as a result because we are not aggressive.

"Diego told me that off the pitch he is one of the best guys — but on the pitch he is very hard.

"That's the kind of man

I want also. These are the things he offers us. That's why he won what he did at Chelsea and Atletico Madrid."

Costa has not played since last December, leaving Brazilians Atletico Mineiro in January.

Lage added: "It was

very easy to convince him to join us. "What we want is him fit and ready to compete as soon as possible."

Lage also admitted he wanted to sign Costa 16

months ago. He said: "When

He said: "When I thought about him then, we didn't have a chance.
"But he says now this was meant to be — it was destiny."

WOLVES (likely): Sa, Jonny, Kilman, Collins, Ait-Nouri, Moutinho, Neves, Nunes, Guedes, Neto, Podence.







MANCHESTER CITY are unbeaten in their last 21 Premier League away games — 15 wins and six draws — since a 1-0 loss at Tottenham in their opening game last season.



AGAINST no side has Man City's Kevin De Bruyne scored more Prem goals than he has against Wolves (5), with four of those strikes coming in a 5-1 win in this exact fixture last season.

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after surviving Rio slums

That's when I

anything else. That's when I feel most free in my mind.
"That ball was special because at that time we didn't

That ball was special because at that time we didn't even have bread.

"But it took me out of all of those problems that my mum had to go through. I think that's brilliant."

His mother once admitted she was proud and amazed he had never followed the path of many of his friends to become a thief or drug-dealer.

Nunes, who plays for Portugal despite being born in Brazil, said: "She said it because all the conditions to become one of those things were there. "We were poor and when you're poor, you easily steal and go for the easy way to get stuff — whether that is food or money.

stuff — whether that is food or money.

"We moved to a favela where there were thieves and drugs and stuff like that.

"Drugs in front of our house,

it was pretty rough and I lived in that house from six to nine. A lot of my friends got lost at that point and became thieves but for some reason I didn't. I don't know if it was football. "Thieves roamed the area and they would break in when they were running from the police.

and they would break in when they were running from the police.

"Often they would get into our house to hide and we had no choice but to say, 'Yes, go wherever you want,' because they had guns.
"So we would let them in and my mum would sometimes help them, otherwise they would do something bad to us. That's life."

The kid, blessed with little more than his love for the game, blossomed into one of the most

one of the most coveted fielders Europe. mid-Now

Jurgen Klopp's Liverpool have been linked with Nunes, despite

Jurgen Klopp's Liverpool have been linked with Nunes, despite the ink barely being dry on the five-year Wolves deal.

This lunchtime, Manchester City will visit and Guardiola could be reminded of why he paid the ultimate compliment to a kid who was languishing in the Portuguese SIXTH division until he was 19.

A move to Portugal when he was 13, with his mum and his English stepdad from Sunderland, was the turning point.

But not before he was rejected by 20 CLUBS — including Leicester and Benfica.

It was not until he was 20 and Sporting took a chance on him that things took off, with Guardiola singling him out following a Champions

Champions

League clash with City. And Nunes

with City.
And Nunes

said: "It's a huge compliment,

said: "It's a huge compliment, not just from one of the best coaches in the world — but in the history of football
"My team-mates at Sporting told me the next day because they had seen it on Twitter. But I don't have Twitter.
"My team-mates teased me and made jokes all the time about it. Every bad pass, was, 'Oh, now you're the best player in the world, yeah?"
"But it was a slap in the face to all those people who told me I wasn't good enough."
Starstruck Nunes also has eight caps for Portugal. He added: "When I saw Cristiano Ronaldo for the first time, I was like, 'How the heck am I playing next to this guy when four years ago I was in the sixth division in Portugal?
"I only saw these types of players on TV — and the only

"I only saw these types of players on TV – and the only time I thought I would be beside them was in my dreams."



Compiled by Russell Lanning

OPENING SHOTS

SINCE the start of April which side have recorded 31 points - the fourth highest in the Premier League behind Manchester City (37), Tottenham (34) and Liverpool (32)? (a) Arsenal (b) Brighton or (c) Brentford

WHO are the only Premier League side who have yet to score a first-half goal in the top flight so far this season?

(a) Bournemouth (b) West Ham or (c) Wolves

AND who are the only Premier League team who have yet to net a goal in the second half in the league this season?

(a) Bournemouth (b) West Ham or (c) Wolves

CAN YOU PASS THE 11-PLUS?

DIDIER DROGBA'S shootout penalty won Chelsea the Champions League final against Bayern Munich ten years ago. But who are the missing two players from Roberto Di Matteo's starting XI for the final?



FUNNY OLD NAME

CAN you unscramble the words below to reveal a midfielder who has won the Prem, FA Cup, League Cup, Community Shield, Champions League and Club World Cup in the last four years. And he came on as a sub in his side's defeat in last season's Champions League final.



PLAY YOUR CAPS RIGHT HIGHER OR LOWER?



(1991-1998) 33 caps Wright-Phillips (2004-2010)



HARD AS NAILS TOUGH TACKLER

ANTONY scored on his Premier League debut in Man Utd's 3-1 win v Arsenal a fortnight ago. But who is the only Brazilian player to score in both, of his first two PL appearances in 2008?

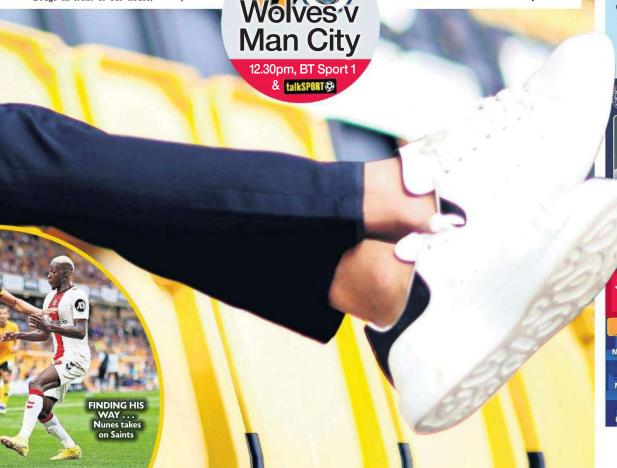


ALDI was named as the nation's fourth biggest food retailer this week. Here is our supermarket XI.

SUPERMARKET XI

for life Mateusz Klich and collect

RIGHT: Wright-Phillips is higher on 36 caps. HARD AS NAILS: Juan Mata, FUNNY OLD NAME: Naby Keita. PLAY YOUR CAPS ANSWERS: OPENING SHOTS 1b 2b. 3c. 11-PLUS: David Luiz and





From Page 1
scored against us last year from a block at a corner and still got there.
"For another goal against us at home, he was falling over and still managed to score.
"He's a world-class player. Not only is he a goalscorer but he drops in and makes passes like a midfield player.
"He's the leader of his team and someone we'll watch really closely."
Perhaps the cruellest fact for Rodgers is that at 29, Kane is at his peak as a player — captain for club and country with five goals from his last five Premier League games.
Meanwhile his own iconic striker Jamie Vardy's nowers are waning

iconic striker Janne Vardy's powers are waning 25-vear-old still as the 35-year-old still waits to open his account

Vardy were once team-mates during the Spurs star's formative days as a Leicester loanee.

Leicester loanee.

But unfortunately for Rodgers, Vardy was six years Kane's senior when they famously shared a bench.

However he is keen to ring every last ounce out of his club legend, who started as a sub against Brighton, while trusting new signing Wout Faes to tighten up the defence.

Rodgers said: "It's about respecting where Jamie is at this stage of his career.

his career.
"He still has that hun-

ger, drive and desire. We just have to maximize what he can give us."

LEICESTER (likely): Ward, Justin, Faes, Evans, Thomas, Tielemans, Ndidi, Dewsbury-Hall, Maddison, Vardy, Barnes.



Conte happy misfiring star is angry





TOTTENHAM have won each of their last six Prem home games, their longest such run at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium. They last had a longer home winning run between Nov 2016 and May 2017 at White Hart Lane (14 games).



SINCE Leicester's return to the Prem in 2014, only Arsenal v Liverpool (64) has seen more goals in the Premier League than Leicester against Tottenham (63).

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OUT OF FORM... Son is yet to net this term



By TOM BARCLAY

ANTONIO CONTE likes fact Son Heung-min is getting

angry at his goal drought.

But the Tottenham boss hinted he is ready to drop the misfiring South Korean at home to Leicester. Son shared last season's Premier League Golden Boot with Liverpool's Mo Salah after.

Son shared last season's League Golden Boot wit pool's Mo Salah — after netting 23 times.

But he is yet to get off the mark in any competition this term, blanking in all eight of Spurs' matches so far.

The 30-year-old failed to even have

failed to even have a shot in Tuesday's 2-0 defeat to 2-0 defeat to Sporting Lisbon and trudged off miserably as he was substituted on 72 minutes (right). Conte said: "Sonny is not happy because he's not scoring. He is a striker and in the last season he was the top-scorer in

the last season he was the top-scorer in the league.

"It's normal and I like that he's a bit angry at this situation, because it means he wants to change it."

Conte rates Son as "one of the best two players" in his side along with Harry Kane.

But he also sees none of his squad as undrop-

SON PREM SHOT MAP THIS SEASON



HIS RECORD IN **ALL COMPS** THIS SEASON









pable and seems to have

noticed shot-shy Son looking a bit tired. For that reason, Conte faces a dilemma as to whether to take the

aces a dilemma as to whether to take the ex-Bayer Leverkusen hitman out of the firing line today. The Italian added: "It can happen, especially when you play massive games, you can be a bit tired. "Mentally, also, For "Mentally, also, For

massive games, you can be a bit tired.

"Mentally, also. For sure it can happen that in some games he can't play from the start, just like Harry.

"But only to protect him, to give the possibility to rest, to take care of his energy and to help us win. On

Saturday, we need energy. We also finished the game against Sporting with not a lot of energy – and for this reason I am a bit upset.

"We lost a lot of energy and then we lost the game, conceding twice in stoppage time.

"Now I have another day to make the best decision. For sure I will rotate on Saturday."

Beyond the lack of goals, other statistics show Son's underperformance compared to last season.

In the 21-22 Premier League campaign, he attempted 103 dribbles and completed 31 of them.

This term, he has only tried 12 in his opening six league fixtures and completed just ONE of those.

Having said that, Son is actually averaging more touches in the opponents' box, more shots per game, more shots inside the box, more sprints and more chances

created this season compared to last – suggesting he has just been more wasteful.

Conte added: "When you score a lot of goals, the following season is more difficult because you are not an underdog.

lot of goals, the following season is more difficult because you are not an underdog.

"But when you don't score, for sure the confidence goes a bit down. But at the same time, I think a strong player copes with this situation, faces it head on and overcomes it."

Should Son be dropped, the man who will take his place is Dejan Kulusevski.

The Swede, 22, has been harshly left out of the starting XI for the last three games — but the smart money is on him playing from the beginning against the Foxes.

Conte's decision to drop hardworking Kulusevski has weighed on his mind — causing him to break

his usual habit of not explaining his selection process to his squad. The former Chelsea boss revealed:

his selection process to his squad. The former Chelsea boss revealed: "To drop Decky for three games in a row, honestly it was difficult. "I don't like to give explanations to my players because otherwise in every game I have to speak to one, to another and another one. "But at the same time, I spoke with Decky. Because after three times in a row, I think that he deserved to feel that my trust, my confidence, was like always. "It was only a tactical decision because I wanted a strong impact with the three strikers, Richarlison, Sonny and Harry.

"Decky is an important player for me. He's in an important moment now, because he's strong physically." TOTTENHAM (likely): LOIS, Romero, Dier, Lenglet, Royal Bentancur, Holplerg, Sessegnon, Kulusevski, Kane, Richarlison.

COMING UP







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Tomorrow 2pm







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By **Kenny Hibbitt**



just for dad

OLD GOLD ... Kenny Hibbitt beats City's Rodney Marsh before celebrating with fellow

goal-scorer John Richards (below) following

Wolves' win in the 1974 League Cup final

My Wembley goal

League Cup final (Wembley) Att: 97,866

MANCHESTER CITY.....(0) 1

Bell 59
WOLVES(1) 2
Hibbitt 44, Richards 85

HOW WOLVES WON THE LEAGUE CUP

THEIR RECORD IN 1973-74 Halifax Town (a) W/3-0 Tranmere (h) W/2-1 4th Rd W75-1 Exeter City (h) W1-0 Norwich (c) 1011-1 W1-0 Norwich (h) W W 2-1

TOP 10 APPEARANCES

Derek Parkin (1968-82)

KENNY HIBBITT (1968-84) 574

Steve Bull (1986-99) Billy Wright (1939-59)

541 Ron Flowers (1952-67) 512

John McAlle (1967-81)

Peter Broadbent (1951-65) 497

Geoff Palmer (1971-84)

Jimmy Mullen (1937-60) 486

John Richards (1969-83) 486

AT-A-GLANCE

No1 IN CHARTS

Devil Gate Drive by Suzi Quatro (2 weeks a No1)



Ted Heath fails to convince the Liberals to form a coalition and resigns as Prime Minister. Harold Wilson (right) takes over for a second time for Labour forming a minority government

and 1984 — and reflects on how close he came to missing out on Wembley with an injury. Rill BOSS McGarry did all he could to take our minds off the final during

final during
the run-up.

We stayed in a
hotel, played a bit of golf and
we went to the cinema a
couple of times — and the
night before Wembley he
took us all to see No Sex
Please, We're British in
the West End.
I had suffered a
groin strain in our
previous match so
it was touch and
go whether I would
play in the final.
We had a five-aside game 24 hours
before the match
and although the
manager didn't say
anything, he must
have felt that I
would be OK.

This
was
the first time I had
played at Wembley

WOLVES
legend KENNY
HIBBITT heads back
48 years for his old
club's 2-1 victory over
Manchester City in the 1974
League Cup final.
Hibbitt, now 71, is second for
Wolves' all-time appearances
with 574 between 1968
and 1984 — and

and

have felt that I would be OK.

This was the first time I had played at Wembley although I had been to watch the FA Cup finals in 1968 and 1970.

It may be 48 years on, but I can still remember standing in the tunnel. There alongside us were the Manchester City boys, with so much experience of playing at Wembley.

They were all knocking the ball about and having a

laugh and I just thought, 'How relaxed do they look?' Unfortunately, our regular keeper Phil Parkes was injured – but stand-in Gary

OLVERHAMPTON WANDERS

Pierce was outstanding.
Just before half-time, Geoff
Palmer knocked the ball in. It
went past John Richards as he
tried to strike it.
I lost sight of it as it came to

me and mis-hit my shot -but it caught out City

keeper Keith
MacRae and
slipped past him.
I had watched so many
England games and cup finals
on the telly and suddenly it
was ME scoring at Wembley.
I just turned and tried to
find my wife, Jane, and mum
in the crowd to celebrate.
Sadly my dad had passed
away when I was 16 and I
still get emotional thinking

Manager:

Bill McGarry

Hibbitt

about how my mum was in tears after I scored, wishing he could have been there to

he could have been there to share the moment. After Colin Bell equalised, John Richards had a pelvic problem and was in pain. But Dave Wagstaffe pulled a hamstring so, with only one sub, the manager had to take Waggy off. Fate was on our side.

Fate was on our side, though, and with five minutes

left, John produced a clinical finish for the winner. We all went to the Hilton Hotel after. I was starving and ordered a chicken sand-wich — and couldn't believe it when a £3.50 bill arrived.

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It was the equivalent of someone charging me £100 for a sandwich today.

I'm just a down-to-earth Yorkshire lad. I was stunned.

Interview: RUSSELL LANNING



TOP FILM

Inferno starring Steve McQueen and Paul Newman

TOP TV The third doctor, Jon Pertwee, makes his final, appearance in

Doctor Who

TOP GAME



Dungeons & Dragons role-playing



Summerbee

Manager: RON SAUNDERS

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Referee:



KENNY HIBBITT is hoping new striker Diego Costa (left) can kick start a goal frenzy for Bruno Lage's side.

Lage's side.

Hibbitt said: "I like
Bruno — but the one
thing lacking since
the start of last
season is a
regular scorer.

"Today is "Today is a perfect exam-

ple — playing
against Manchester
City and Erling Haaland (right) who has
already hit ten goals
in six league games — seven more than entire Wolves side."

EUR GONNA BE FINE . . . Hammers new-boy Scamacca (left) celebrates scoring their second against Silkeborg

Scamacca pays for Haaland flier

WEST HAM have won both of their last two Prem away games v Everton. They have never won on three consecutive trips to Goodison in their league history.

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Lampard hails his man of steel

By KEN LAWRENCE

FRANK LAMPARD has praised Conor Coady for adding new steel to the spine of his side.

The Everton boss brought in the England centre-back from Wolves

centre-back from Wolves on a season-long loan just before the window shut. And lifelong Liverpool fan or not, the 29-year-old is playing like a true Blue for Lampard, who declared: "Conor's been outstanding for us

declared: "Conor's been outstanding for us.
"I had heard he was great in the dressing room — and he's proved that. He's settled into the group brilliantly.
"He's a proper professional and affects others around him."
The Toffees go into tomorrow's Goodison Park

The Toffees go into tomorrow's Goodison Park clash with West Ham still without a win this season. But they have drawn their last four Premier League games and Lampard believes Coady's influence has added much-needed strength to the side that narrowly the side that narrowly escaped relegation last season.

Lamps stressed: "The signings we've made this summer have all been about the spine of the

"People associate Conor with a back five from his time at Wolves.

with a back five from his time at Wolves.

"But we've played a back four in the past few games and him and James Tarkowski have been great in a pairing. It's a pleasure to work with him."

Lampard is hoping injury-plagued striker Dominic Calvert-Lewin will be available to face fomer Goodison boss David Moyes.

And Asmir Begovic will replace Three Lions No.1 Jordan Pickford, who is out for at least two more weeks with a thigh strain.

Begovic, 35, will be making only his fourth top-flight start for Everton but Lampard added:

but Lampard added: "We've known since the

"We've known since the Merseyside derby that we would be without Jordan. "Asmir's always ready you'd only have to give him 30 minutes notice and he'd be ready." EVERTON (likely): Begovic Patterson, Coady, Tarkowski, Mykolenko, Doucoure, Iwobi, Onana, Gordon, Calvert-Lewin, Maupay.



bar really high for every other striker now.

"If you took Haaland out of the equation, you would say that not many of the newer ones have settled in as quickly. It can happen.

"It takes time for centreforwards to bed in and feel their worth and we have to do that with Gianluca. He is still building.

"But Haaland has made an unbelievable impression on Manchester City — and football in general.
"I saw a really great quote from him that said, 'Get me five touches and I will score five goals, I would be happy with that'. We know



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Gianluca has that finishing ability in his locker.

"But I've also seen a few fly over the bar from him as well.

"When you are a 23-year-old and have come into a new league, it is really difficult to explain the time it can take.

"And maybe for Haaland he is still evolving to being part of how City play. But he certainly hasn't disappointed with the final touch — which tends to be the hardest bit."

Another of Moyes' Hammers attackers in Jarrod Bowen is also struggling in front of goal, scoring just once in the Europa Conference League proper but so far firing blanks in the Prem.

It is a stark contrast to the last campaign where the former Hull striker netted 18 goals in all competitions, with 12 coming in the league.

Bowen was named in Gareth Southgate's England camp for Nations League clashes with Italy and Germany.

And Moyes has urged him not to worry about his current dip in form.

The Hammers chief added: "If there is one thing I would say to Jarrod, it is that I am just starting to see him getting back to it. There are signs of it. Hopefully, I am right."

WEST HAM (likely): Fabianski, Cresswell, Zouna, Kehrer, Coutal, Rice, Soucek, Bowen, Lanzini, Cornet, Antonio.



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O'NEIL . . . focussed

Gary will Toon out takeover

Newcastle v Bournemouth

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By VIC HOLLY

BOURNEMOUTH caretaker manager Gary O'Neil maintains his focus is only on the next game amid speculation around a possible takeover. A Las Vegas-led consor-

A Las Vegas-led consortium is understood to be pushing to buy the Cherries, who returned to the Prem this season after two years away.

the Frem this season after two years away.
Club owner Maxim Demin, the sole share-holder at Bournemouth since 2019, is thought to be weighing up whether to sell, with US investors ready to pay £150 million.

pay £150million.
O'Neil, 39, was handed first-team duties when Scott Parker got the sack after just four Prem games.

Prem games.
Having steadied
the ship with a
goalless draw at
home to Wolves,
O'Neil presided
over a 3-2 win at
Nottingham Forest.
Now his side

Now his side travel up to Newcastle today for a reunion with their former boss Eddie Howe — a game that O'Neil insists is all he has been thinking about.

He said: "I am not

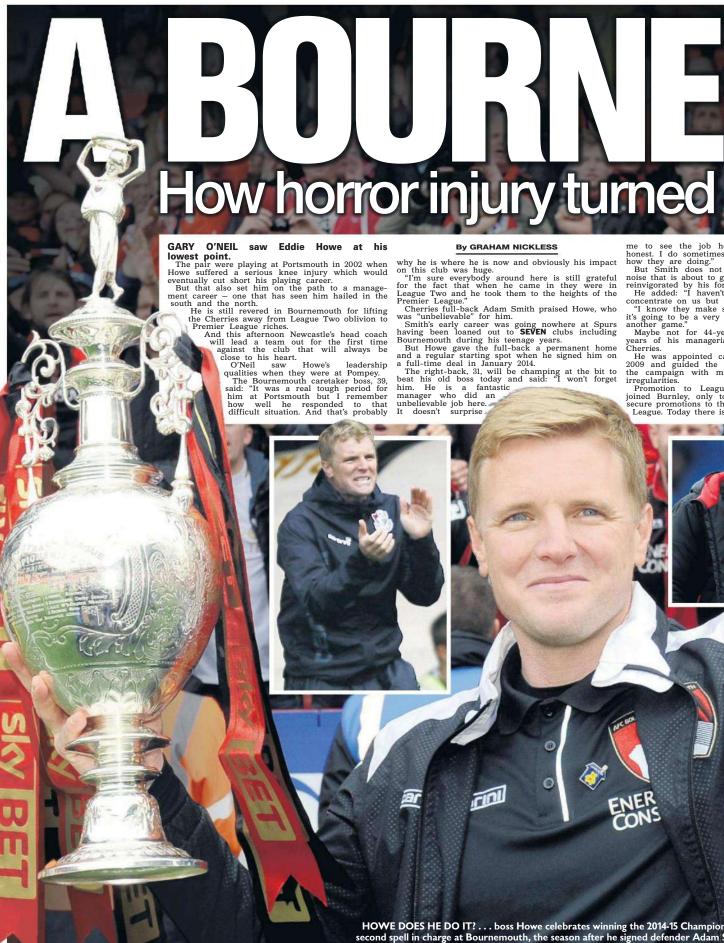
He said: "I am not involved in any discussions about the takeover. I have been hard at work over on the other side, on the grass.

"Every minute of my day is Newcastle, either on a laptop or with the lads.

with the lads.

"Pure focus on how we come away with a result."





Newcastle (present) Games 35



Ed into Cherry good boss

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fear the crazy cauldron of reet him at a St James' Park mer gaffer. seen much of it as I just it won't make a difference. ome noise at Newcastle and good atmosphere but it's just

r-old Howe, who spent 12 life in two spells at the

aretaker on New Year's Day club to safety after starting inus 17 points for financial

One followed before he return to Bournemouth to Championship and Premier the odd photo of Howe as a

ship trophy in his Smith (above right)

player in and around the Vitality Stadium and a brick with his name on it outside the main entrance. Smith said: "I was on loan at Bournemouth under Howe at 19 so he knew me and it was just a no-brainer to come back.

"A lot of youngsters got loaned out at Spurs—that's what they wanted to do when we were young. "But you get to a point where you are just stuck out on loan and you just want to find a home." Smith was a key player in Bournemouth's historic first promotion to the Premier League under Howe and enjoyed five years mixing with the big boys. Howe left the Cherries after they were relegated in 2020 but Smith stayed on to launch another successful promotion campaign under then boss Scott Parker last season.

Smith will complete ten years service for the South Coast club in 2024 during his current contract.

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According to Smith, Bournemouth's two promotions to the Prem have been different.

He admitted: "The first one under Howe was





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THREE Premier League games on today

THREE Premier League games on today and we start in the Midlands as Wolves take on Manchester City.

City are not quite at their all-conquering best but they have Erling Haaland to get them out of trouble — an ominous sign.

Wolves, as they tend to be, have been solid if unspectacular in their six league games so far, only yielding seven goals.

City may have to be patient here but they should eventually break Wolves down. City to win to nil is the bet at 23/20.

In the sole 3pm game, Newcastle host Bournemouth, with the Toon Army looking to kick start their season.

The Magpies have been impressive in patches, and have only lost one game this season — but have only won once too.

Bournemouth — outside three drubbings by the top six — have actually made a very solid start to the season. But a fully firing Toon have to be favoured here, and Newcastle to win by two or more at 6/5 is the play.

In the late game, Tottenham take on a struggling Leicester side.

Spurs have made an excellent start to their campaign — while Leicester look a mess defensively, the team seem stale and lacking any confidence or direction.

Spurs to win by two or more at 11/10 looks very appealing.



for a misty-eyed trip down memory lane.

After taking Bournemouth from the depths of League Two to the Prem, Newcastle boss Howe is trying to build a new legacy.

But for all that Tyneside is awash with optimism these days, the Magpies have only won one top-flight game this season.

That is one fewer than the newly-promoted Cherries — and defeat to them today would hand Howe a first mini-crisis heading into the international break.

So this is hardly the moment for nostalgia.

Ahead of facing his former club for the first time, Howe admitted: "I do look back from time to time.

"But in terms of sitting down and thinking about what we did, no. When I am grey and old there will come a time when I

will look at it differently — but at the moment it's about the future.

"I'm totally immersed in Newcastle, the city, the people. It's difficult to enjoy but, in my own way, I am.

"We need to win this game. I want to leave everyone with good energy, thinking positively about what's going to happen, so it is an important match."

Howe spent 25 YEARS as a player and boss at Bournemouth. But he added: "I haven't really stayed in contact with people there because it's difficult in my position.

"You have to move on and just sever ties really. But they are still with me and in my heart in some way.
"The unity and spirit we had was the most important thing behind our successes and rise

players and brilliant facilities but if you don't have that feeling and special relationship between each other, you can't be the success you want to be."

Howe was tight-lipped about the chances of key Toon trio Bruno Guimaraes, Allan Saint-Maximin and Callum Wilson being involved.

Winger Saint-Maximin and striker Wilson are both major doubts — but midfielder Bruno is set for a return to the squad after missing the last three games.

NEWCASTLE ((likely): Pope, Trippier, Schar, Botman, Targett, Willock, Longstaff, Joelinton, Almiron, Isak, Fraser.



SPORTSCOD

THERE are 20 Leeds forwards in the grid below who have appeared for the club from 1960s onwards. Each number represents a letter (there is no Q or X) and surnames can be found horizontally.

In the lower grid you will discover another player's surname. Find the name and, before Thursday at noon, send your entry to sportsquiz-sma@lhe-sun.co.uk and you could win £50. But we will need the winner's bank details. Seatember 3 winner: Sam Trimby. Hampshire, Answer; COWLEY

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TO TO CHAMPIONSHIP



HULL have won only two of their last 19 league visits to Swansea (D8 L9) — winning 3-2 in April 2004 in the fourth tier and 2-0 in August 2016 in the Premier League.







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MILLWALL boss Gary Rowett (below) has won both of his home league games v Blackpool — 1-0 with Birmingham in 2015 and 2-1 with Lions last season.





BAKER'S 17 goals in English league football have come away from home, including all four of his strikes for Stoke this season.





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FOUR of Sheffield United manager Paul Heckingbottom's six league matches against Preston have been draws (W1 L1).

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Driven Wild for a scrap

DEFIANT Chris Wilder has come out swinging to halt Middlesbrough's slump — with Cardiff Steve Morison his

first target.After beating Boro 3-2 on Tuesday, Morison said they were happy to give the hosts possession, knowing the Teessiders wouldn't hurt them.

wouldn't hurt them.
Pressure is mounting
on Wilder with Boro –
among the favourites for
promotion – fourth bottom after nine games.
Addressing Morison's
jibe after going 3-0 down
to the Bluebirds, Wilder
blasted: "Rubbish! I love
all this spin – I see
managers do it too often

blasted: "Rubbish! I love all this spin — I see managers do it too often but I've never done it. "Just walk away, say we got the result and move on. Fortunately I've had a career where I've won something so I don't really need to justify where I'm at as a young

where I'm at as a young manager. "They didn't sit back into a shape – they were pushed back defending for their lives and could

By OSCAR PAUL

DRAWS

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wait for the final

not wait for the final whistle.
"They resorted to a way of playing. Is it sustainable? No.
"They were making unbelievable last-minute blocks and scrambling all over the place – that is brilliant tactics!"
Fans are growing

Fans are growing increasingly frustrated following a horror run of just four wins from their

just four wins from their last 19 games in all competitions.

Rotherham head to the Riverside tonight, and the Sheffield-born gaffer added: "To be 3-0 down at half-time to Cardiff is unacceptable so you're going to get it from supporters.

"Nebody enjoys the

going to get it from sup-porters.
"Nobody enjoys the personal criticism but there's part of me that quite enjoys it when you do get questioned and written off.
"The area I have been brought up in, when it gets a little bit tough you dig a deeper and come out swinging."



+CH'SHIP

BOSS Tony Mowbray is backing Sunderland's supporting cast to shine again at Watford if Ellis Simms cannot

if Ellis Simms cannot shake a toe injury.
Simms is the only available striker but is "touch and go" after hobbling off at Reading on Wednesday.
Black Cats still romped to a 3-0 win with Patrick Roberts' brace and a stunner finished by Jack Clarke.
Mowbray said: "We're hoping Ellis is OK but even if he doesn't make it, we will find a way to score."
Andy Carroll has

Carroll has By OSCAR PAUL

bizarrely taken up the No 2 shirt after joining READING this week.

Carroll, 33, signed a short-term deal with Paul Ince's Royals but Lucas Joao already has the No9 — so the ex-England striker let his kids decide what number he should wear. Ahead of today's trip to WIGAN, Carroll said:

"The manager wanted me in a little earlier.
"But I wanted to make sure I was fully fit and ready to go and be able to come straight in and be on the pitch." and be on the pitch.'



HIME

Play-off ghost has been Blade to rest

WHEN Nottingham Forest keeper Brice Samba broke Sheffield United hearts with his hat-trick of saves in a play-off penalty shootout, Paul

Heckingbottom got straight to work. There was no moping about at Bramall Lane or feeling sorry for themselves. Instead Blades boss Heckingbottom and

Instead Blades boss Heckingbottom and his team reflected on how close they had gone to making an instant return to the Premier League after a slow start to last season under Slavisa Jokanovic.

There was a steely determination in the Steel City to hit the ground running this time – and they have certainly done that. Reda Khadra's winner in the fourth minute of stoppage time at Swansea on Tuesday night consolidated the Blades' position at the top of the Championship. Heckingbottom told SunSport: "I must give credit to everyone since that shoot-

Heckingbottom told SunSport: "I must give credit to everyone since that shoot-out against Nottingham Forest in the play-off semi-final.
"That is where all the work started in regard to this coming season.
"Had we been sulking or slow to move on, we'd not have had as strong a start as we have had

on, we'd not have had as strong a start as we have had.

"I just felt we had run out of time last season because we had such a strong finish. Had the season been a month longer, we'd have finished even higher than the fifth position we finally achieved.

"Certainly at the City Ground we just ran out of time. We managed to get ourselves from 3-1 down on aggregate to 3-3 and pushed for the winner.

"Had we played another five or ten

EXCLUSIVE by JUSTIN ALLEN

minutes in that game, I'd have fancied us

minutes in that game, I'd have fancied us to have gone on to reach the final.

"We had nothing to worry about or anything to fear going into this season, other than maybe a hangover or feeling sorry for ourselves. That is what we guarded against."

Heckingbottom won the August Sky et Championship manager of the

Heckingbottom won the August Sky Bet Championship manager of the month award.

And he said the club had to be shrewd in the summer — balancing the needs of strengthening the squad with keeping on top of finances that had been lowered due to a second season outside the top-flight. He brought in Sweden centre-half Anel Ahmedhodzic from Malmo for £4million. And in the loan market he recruited Manchester City duo James McAtee and Tommy Doyle, Ciaran Clark of Newcastle and Khadra from Brighton.

Ahmedhodzic has been rock solid in defence and look like a bargain buy. The Blades chief said: "I've been impressed with him. The way he has stepped into it and hit the ground running.

"It's a big bonus. We felt he was someone who can kick on and play at an even higher level than this."

But hanging on to midfielder Sander Berze was as

But hanging on to mid-fielder Sander Berge was as important as a marquee signing, such is his influence. Heckingbottom said: "It signing, such is his inf Heckingbottom said:

huge to keep him. He is a great person, good player — and if I am honest, I expected him to go.

"So I'm delighted I can still use him. He's happy to be here. He has been fantastic with the way he has behaved. His performances have shown that.

"He comes into training every day with a smile on his face, has trained harder than anyone and he's reaping the benefits.

"While he continues playing like that, there's nothing you can do to stop someone coming in for him — but hopefully that's a while away yet."

And Oli McBurnie has been a frustrating player for Blades fans following his £20million move from Swansea in 2019.

He had not scored a league goal since December 2020 until he finally netted against Luton last month, sparking three goals in successive games.

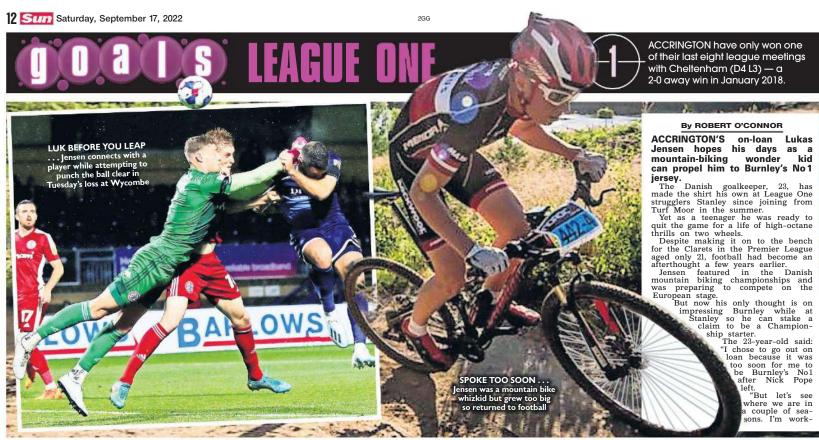
His hard-working performances up top have been crucial and his boss said: "I'm delighted for Oli. "He suffered more injuries than most last season. To get himself fit, he has worked hard."

Heckingbottom knows you do need consistency to get out of the Championship.

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He said: "The margins are so fine. We're breaking the season into little phases and concentrating on getting the consistency of performance. And hopefully we will be there at the end of the season."

WINNER . . . Paul with award



John-Jules a total gel

TY'S KENN-DO

TYREECE JOHN-JULES vowed to become the complete striker for Kieran McKenna at Ipswich.

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Tractor Boys are top of League One under ex-Manchester United and Tottenham youth coach McKenna, who hand-picked the on-loan Arsenal forward to spearhead his side's promotion push.

With goals so far hard to come by, 21-year-old John-Jules set his sights on being a modern, all-round frontman — including mastering the nitty-gritty that helps the team tick.

It's his fifth loan spell in the EFL since being sent out to Lincoln aged 18, the same year he signed professional terms with the Gunners.

He was on the bench for the Community Shield win over Liverpool in 2020 but spent the last two years with Doncaster, Blackpool and Sheffield Wednesday.

Now he is ready to help haul Ipswich back into the Championship and showing Mikel Arteta how far he's come on his Football League apprenticeship.

John-Jules said: "There are a lot of different kinds of striker out there."

I see myself as a good link-up player. I like to keep teammates involved, drop deep, make runs in behind and vary my game as much as possible to keep defenders guessing.

"Me and the manager look at my defensive duties too, how to press well.

"There's a lot of tactical stuff we look at. It's clear what the manager wants

from me, we had a good chat before I came here. We both had similar ambitions, he knew me as a player, he'd watched a lot of me.

"It felt like he was the right manager to come to. He's helped me a lot, off the nitch too"

"It felt like he was the right manager to come to. He's helped me a lot, off the pitch, too."

Ipswich are on track to end their four-year stay in the third tier after winning six of their eight games ahead of today's trip to Sheffield Wednesday.

McKenna (below) joined Town after leaving the assistant manager's job at Old Trafford last summer.

England Under-21 international John-Jules added: "I'm a good finisher but goals haven't been coming regularly yet.

"The more I play, the more I get used to it, the goals will come.

"Different strikers are good for different moments. Some forwards still play the target man and they get a lot of goals. But that's not what I am at the moment."

John-Jules will get a chance to show Arsenal first-hand what I can do when Ipswich face Gunners' Under-21s in the Papa John's Trophy at Portman Road on Tuesday.

He added: "Someone came to visit me from Arsenal not too long ago.

"It was good to see they're still invested in me, good to see a familiar face around here.

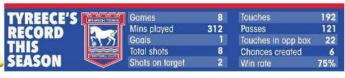
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they think I'm doing and what I can
do to improve. They always keep in
contact after games to see how I did."

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CHELTENHAM are unbeaten in their last three league games on the road (W1 D2), not since Feb 2021 have they gone four consecutive games avoiding defeat (run of seven).

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Jensen hoping to be Clarets' wheel deal

ing with Andy Dibble at Accrington who has contacts at Burnley, so he's keeping them up to date with how I'm doing. I certainly can't get away with anything."

Jensen (right) lost interest in football as a teenager as he felt he was missing out on heing a kird.

ing out on being a kid.

He added: "Football had me training

He added: "Football had me training every single day and I was missing out on too much. I was missing my friends.
"When I was 14 I fell out with football completely. Mountain biking

filled the gap.
"The way you train as a goalkeeper

you can take into mountain biking. All that upper-body power is very similar so I picked it up very easily.

"It's a lot of power work, ten-l5 seconds of all-out power.

"That explosive strength in my muscles was already there when I transitioned. I competed in the Danish

championship and I should have gone to the Europeans. I had four very serious years of it. "But you have to be top ten in the world to be earning good money at it. "You can live off it if you're top

100 but it's minimal. "Between 14 and 17 you start

"Weight is a factor in mountain biking because you have to drag yourself up mountains.

"I was just getting too heavy compared to my team-mates. I





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MOVING ON ... Ainsworth focused

only on a victory

And Wycombe boss Ainsworth insists that is the end of the matter ahead of a potentially fiery clash at Pride Park — with many Rams followers still angry the Buckinghamshire team pursued their claim.

He said: "It will add spice for some fans and media outlets — but absolutely not from me. "Derby finished with more points than us that season and that's the end of it. "It was for the people upstairs to talk about, however we are totally focused on a League One fixture now." It's all water under the bridge for me. And

One fixture now.

"It's all water under the bridge for me. And if we start focusing on that, then it will take everything away from our tactics, the way we play, our intensity. We need all that to try to beat a team like Derby County."

PLYMOUTH boss Steven Schumacher insists he is not interested in a move to Championship club Huddersfield. Schu, 38, was tipped as a candidate after Terriers sacked Danny Schofield. But, ahead of today's trip to PORTS-MOUTH, he said: "I'm not interested in going anywhere else. I love this job. "I'm incredibly fortunate to be in this role at such an early stage in my career, managing a massive club like this. "I just need to keep getting better and focus on what I'm doing. I'm not bothered about anything else outside." Liam Manning takes his MK DONS to OXFORD still smarting from Tuesday's

OXFORD still smarting from Tuesday's 2-0 home defeat by Bolton. Two defeats in a row dropped Dons

By FRANKIE CHRISTOU

into the bottom three but boss Manning remains confident his side can rediscover the form that brought them

rediscover the form that brought them two wins from three not so long ago. He said: "Straight after the game on Tuesday, we felt angry and frustrated. "We don't want to perform like that again and the biggest thing is how to react in the next game.

"We've gone through a huge transition and we said there will be ups and downs, steps forward and steps back.

"It will turn. We'll start to get closer to the performances we want and the results will follow — and it's not far away, I'm confident of that."









LEYTON ORIENT have won their last four games at home in the Football League for the first time since December 2020, last winning five in a row in the third tier in 2013.



IT'S ALL ADDING UP FOR RICH

RICHIE WELLENS knows about the old saying there are lies, damned lies and statistics. In his case, there were also the

In his case, there were also the percentages.
They indicated it might be no lie that by the time he took over at Leyton Orient, he was not the manager he believed himself to be.
Certainly not the one who guided Swindon to promotion in 2020, just 18 months after taking over a club that was wallowing in 20th place in League Two.
More like the one dumped from his first job at Oldham in 2018, following relegation to the EFL's bottom tier.

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Or who, after leaving Swindon for Salford, lasted only 30 games – and was then given four fewer by Doncaster Rovers.

Six months ago, the 42 year-old

By KEN LAWRENCE

is almost 40 per cent. And it would be higher — but in cup games I've always changed the whole team.

"I took over at Oldham when they were 24th in the league and had won one of the previous II.

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"I went to Doncaster and they had won three of their previous 24 games. I take over here at Orient—they hadn't won in their last 15.

"So to have a near 40 per cent success rate at clubs that are generally in the mire, it's actually not bad."

In fact, Wellens' win rate stands at an astonishing 61 per cent with Orient going into today's visit to Walsall.

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Wellens is also SkyBet manager of the month for August (below).

His team are top of League Two, three points ahead of Stevenage, with seven wins and a draw from their eight games.

While Wellens' head dictated that he should be the man to replace Kenny Jackett in East London, there was also his heart telling him how good it felt in discussions with O's chairman Nigel Travis and director of football Martin Ling.

He explained: "The people I spoke to gave me a really good feeling. "When I first met Lee Power at Swindon, I felt great talking to him. "I knew I'd do well there and I did. But the other meetings that I had later, maybe not so much."

The change in Orient's situation has been remarkable under Wellens — played 23, won 14, lost six.

The one-time Leicester midfielder stressed: "There is a real feel-good factor flowing through this club. "My heart feels good here, I'm in the right place — meanwhile my head is telling me that anything can now be possible for this club."





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BRADFORD have won five of their last six Football League meetings with Stevenage (D1), including doing the double over them last season (4-1 home, 1-0 away).

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++LEAGUE TWO ROUND UP++LEAGUE TWO ROUND UP++

MATTY LONGSTAFF savs he joined COLCHESTER because of Wayne Brown's club vision.

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The midfielder, 22, was loaned from Newcastle on deadline day.

Longstaff had been linked with a host of League One sides — but U's boss Brown convinced him to come.

Before today's home clash with GRIMSBY, he said: "I spoke to Newcastle and the loan team they have.

"They'd mentioned a few days before that there was interest.

"I knew Colchester finished last season pretty well with the manager coming in. On

By FRANKIE CHRISTOU

the last day, there were a few options. But the manager sounded really good in his ideas and the squad he's built here is a very good one. "That made my decision. You want to come somewhere and be in a winning environment. "You want to get games but, at the same time, you want to get a winning mentality." Assistant boss Gavin Skelton warned CARLISLE form counts for nothing at this stage.

The Blues today aim to the last day, there were

The Blues today aim to extend their unbeaten league run to four games against a WIMBLEDON

side who have lost their side who have lost their last three in the division. But with just two points separating them. Skelton told his players not to take the Dons for granted. He said: "Wimbledon

He said: "Wimbledon have really good players and are lively up top.
"We've watched footage and seen some really good bits from them over the start of the season — so we're aware of their threats.
"They'll think they should have more point than they've got.
"Although we've had a decent start, we're not all firing yet. Hopefully we're ready to do that on Saturday."











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Skinner fan fare



By SANDRA BROBBEY

MARC SKINNER is hoping the WSL will be 'sunshine in winter' for fans. Skinner's Manchester

United expect a record 6,500-plus crowd for the opener against Reading in the wake of Lionesses'

the wake of Lionesses'
Euro triumph.
But many fear crowds
could dip as they did in
2005 after England had
hosted the Euros.
Skinner said: "Weather
can always have an
impact. But I think once

everybody realises from what they've watched over the summer, how strong our league is becoming, once they feel fully part of it, I believe attending won't be a choice.

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"Our fans love what we
do and keep coming back.
And we want to be very
successful, so that helps.
"With English winters,
who knows how harsh it
will be this year.

But let's almost try to the sunshine in the iter, to make sure winter, to ma people turn up."

United finished fourth last term but go into the new season minus Dutch midfielder Jackie Groenen, who joined Paris Saint-Germain this week.

Yet Skinner insists his squad has the "numbers and qualities" to push for

the top three.

The United gaffer said:
"I understand our fans' frustration but we have plenty of players that have the opportunity to step up and show their qualities. "We were not expecting

Jackie's departure to happen but it was good business for everyone."



Gunners' double hero simply the Beth

By SANDRA BROBBEY

EUROS hero Beth Mead picked up right where she left off with a deadly double — as Arsenal got off to a WSL flier.

Forward Mead was top scorer in the summer tournament as England famously lifted the trophy.

But despite inspiring the Gunners to a crushing win over Brighton, perfectionist Mead was annoyed she did not score MORE.

She said: "Tm disappointed with a few of my chances. I should have scored more and we could have put a few more away as a team.
"But four goals and three points is what we wanted. We've set out standards now and we need to keep setting them higher."

Kim Little got the Gunners up and running at a sold-out Meadow Park

Brighton.....0

with the opener on 28 minutes and Stina Blackstenius' thunderbolt made it 2-0 five minutes after the break as the poor Seagulls struggled to cope after Emma Kullberg's seventh-

cope after Emma Kullberg's seventhminute sending-off.

She saw red for bringing down
Blackstenius when through on goal.

Mead soon got in on the act as
Arsenal sent out a Women's Super
League title warning on the opening
night of the season.

And scorer Little reckons her
two-month stint on loan at OL Reign
in America's top flight has helped
keep her razor-sharp.

The Scottish midfielder said: "I
played six games out in America, so
I was able to get that sharpness and

fitness in me before coming into the season here in the WSL. It has helped me because it was a long offseason of almost four months from our last game against West Ham "It definitely put me in good stead to start the season here."

Hope Powell, whose side finished seventh last term, gave a debut to Albion new girl Elisabeth Terland.

But Kullberg's red gave them a mountain to climb. Of the decision, Seagulls chief Powell said: "I'm not a referee and I'm not going to lambast the referee.

"I thought it was offside at first and thought it was an accident.
"I was really surprised — but I will have to watch it again."

The visitors defended bravely with Victoria Williams producing a well-timed block to stop Vivianne Miedema's shot.
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broken when Little walloped an effort into the bottom corner. The hosts almost doubled their lead in the 32nd minute with Blackstenius hitting the bar before Megan Walsh denied Miedema.

The second half saw Brighton attempt to battle back with Powell shuffling her deck with Katie Robinson coming on for Libby Bance.

And the midfielder fired a dangerous effort across the face of goal in the 49th minute – forcing keeper Manuela Zinsberger into action.

Moments later, Arsenal doubled their lead with Blackstenius smashing the ball high into the net before Mead made it 3-0 on 63 minutes.

Jordan Nobbs hit the woodwork late on, then Mead bagged No4.

The in-form forward skipped past her marker to register a double as the Gunners sealed an impressive win before their clash with Ajax and an Emirates derby duel with Spurs.

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PART VI: HER LOVED ONES



RIMMING with joy on her honeymoon, Elizabeth wrote to her parents: "I only hope that I can bring up my children in the happy atmosphere of love and fairness which

CUDDLES

Princess Elizabeth

with her mother

of love and fairness which Margaret and I have grown up in."

Home was where the future Queen learned about courage, duty and being a monarch — but most importantly, it was where she learned about love.

Family was everything for her parents, and after Elizabeth and sister Margaret came along, father Bertie always referred to the little group as "We Four".

Their warmth and happiness in each other's company still shines through in the photos.

Bertie, the future George VI, had grown up in far chillier circumstances, and meeting the jolly, loving family of wife-to-be Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon had been a revelation.

His own father George V believed cruelty and beatings were essential in child-rearing, and declared: "My father was frightened of his mother, I was frightened of my father, and I am damned well going to make sure that my children are frightened of me."

Sensitive, stammering Bertie was a particular target, and when the young boy struggled to speak, his father would roar: "Get it out!"

Meanwhile, his mother Queen Mary was, in

Queen on George V's Silver Jubilee





words of Princess Margaret, "absolutely the worth

met Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon,

terrifying".

Bertie first met Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, daughter of the Earl of Strathmore, at a dance at The Ritz in London in 1921.

A few months later he visited the 21-year-old at her family's Scottish seat of Glamis Castle and was swept up in their happy sing-songs around the piano, silly games and sheer pleasure in each other's company.

He was smitten, and when in 1923 Elizabeth accepted his marriage proposal, he wrote to Queen Mary: "I know I am very lucky to have won her at last."

When their daughter Princess Elizabeth was born in April 1926, he joyfully wrote to his mother again: "We always wanted a child to make our happiness complete."

Princess Margaret followed in August 1930, and their father soon dubbed Elizabeth his "pride" and Margaret his "joy".

But in 1936 life changed unexpectedly when Bertie became George VI after the abdication of Edward VIII. Reserved, somewhat frail and beset by anxiety, he was a very reluctant King. He told his cousin Dickie Mountbatten: "I never wanted this to happen. I am a Naval

officer, that's all I know about." His stammer, until he largely overcame it with the help of his wife, who took him to speech therapist Lionel Logue, caused him constant upset.

And he was prone to explosions of fury known in the family as "gnashes". Queen Elizabeth would calm him — sometimes all it took was a gentle hand on his arm.

Despite Bertie's tribulations at becoming King, those who visited the foursome were still as struck by the merry family dynamic as Bertie had been on that visit to Scotland.

Again, there were family songs around the piano, parlour games and the house speciality of "We Four" to mark special occasions — a conga line led by the now George VI.

A visiting young princess from Greece immediately decided: "This was the sort of home life I wanted."

And after a weekend at Sandringham, General Sir Alan Brooke described them as "a thoroughly close-knit and happy family all wrapped up in each other".

Also part of this tight circle around young Elizabeth — known as Lilibet — was Scottish nursemaid Margaret "Bobo" MacDonald. The farmer's daughter joined the household aged 22, when Lilibet was a toddler, and stayed working for her as her dresser until her death in 1993. She was one of Lilibet's closest confidantes. As a friend explained: "The Queen just enjoyed talking to a sensible Scottish countrywoman."

Less long-lasting was Lilibet and Margaret's adored governess, Marion "Crawfie" Crawford. Crawfie introduced the girls to the joys of

COVER IMAGE:

The Queen cradles month-old Prince Andrew in March, 1960, in an official portrait by Cecil Beaton.

It was the first time the celebrated photographer had experimented with a white background, abandoning his elaborate style.

Later he took individual photos of Andrew and was much disappointed when the Palace did

Beaton described taking them: 'Lying on a cushion embroidered with full-blown roses and subaqueous-looking supaqueous-100king leaves, baby was surrounded by the speckled carnations. lilies of the valley and spring flowers I had brought.

had brought.
'The baby looked like a Spanish Christ as it waved its strong little arms in a baby hallucination and opened...eyes to the skies. This was a real moment of fulfilment. The pictures would be the best I knew'













playing "Red Indians" in the shrubbery, riding on the London Tube and visiting Woolworth's, but was banished from the family circle in 1949 after writing a book about the princesses.

And while Crawfie had taught Lilibet to read and write, her real education came from the family. Kindly George VI wanted to make sure his daughter was better prepared than he had been to be monarch, and had her at his side when he was signing papers so he could explain the politics of each document. Queen Mary lectured Lilibet on the importance of "availing oneself of toilet facilities whenever the opportunity arises" and drilled her on her royal ancestors, right back to King Egbert of Wessex.

Unsurprisingly, Lilibet's mother, whose nickname was Merry Mischief, was more fun. The future Queen Mother stashed gin bottles in hat boxes, wore pearls to go fishing and, during The Blitz, used to sign off her letters: "Tinkety tonk old fruit and down with the Nazis."

Famously sociable and charming, she set up role-playing games with her daughter so the future sovereign could practise talking to all kinds of people. Her Archbishop of Canterbury impression was particularly good.

She also taught Lilibet a rule that her own mother had told her: "If you find something or somebody a bore, the fault lies in you."

By the time "We Four" made their first tour abroad in 1947, George VI's private secretary Tommy Lascelles was struck by

what a perfect mix of her parents the 20-year-old Elizabeth had become.

First he was moved by her sense of duty, clearly influenced by her father. Shy, gentle Bertie may have taken the crown reluctantly, but he found the courage to declare in his Coronation speech that "the highest of distinctions is the service of others", and then to guide his country through a war.

But Lascelles wrote in a letter about Elizabeth: "When necessary, she can take on the old bores with much of her mother's skill", adding: "From the inside, the most satisfactory feature of the whole business is the remarkable development of P'cess E."

'he future queen was still young, but thanks to her parents she was ready for the role she would take up all too soon.

Husband Philip would later reveal that the death of George VI aged 56 in 1952 had been "the most appalling shock" to the Princess, just 25 and mother of two young children. For the rest of her life, the Queen would use her father's pen to sign paperwork. As well as taking on his kingdom, she adopted her father's other most important role – ensuring his family's happiness.

That was a huge task, as Elizabeth wrote to a friend in the wake of George VI's death:

"Mummy and Margaret have the biggest grief to bear, for their future must seem very blank, while I have a job and family to think of."

The new Queen Mother, widowed at 51, told a friend she was "engulfed by great black clouds of unhappiness and misery".

She had lost her husband, her status and even her home – royal protocol meant Elizabeth must move into Buckingham Palace, and the Queen Mother and Margaret had to move out of it. But Elizabeth found a way forward. She did not want "Merry Mischief" to retreat into a Queen Victoria-style half-life of mourning for the rest of her days.

With the help of Prime Minister Winston Churchill, the new Queen convinced her mother to forge a new kind of public role. As royal photographer Cecil Beaton later recalled, at that moment she became "the great mother figure and nanny to us all".

Soon the Queen Mother was back enjoying life with gusto, racking up racing bills, which she would send off to be paid by her daughter with a note reading "Oh dear", doing the Twist with Prime Minister Ted Heath and inebriating her house guests with the strength of her "rocket fuel" martinis.

She and the Queen spoke daily and spent as much time together as possible, picking over the latest gossip and the racing results. They would also trade impersonations, another favourite family game. The Queen did a "legendary" Margaret Thatcher, while the Queen Mother's party piece was pretending to be a foghorn — although in later years she

also developed an unlikely take on Sacha Baron Cohen's comedy character Ali G. But most of all, the Queen Mother could lavish warmth, love and her sense of fun on her grandchildren and then great-grandchildren. Prince Charles later remembered: "She was, quite simply, the most magical grandmother you could possibly have."

The Queen worried about her mother as she aged, but her efforts to make her slow down failed. When the Queen insisted a lift was installed at Clarence House so her mother could avoid steps, the Queen Mum made a point of using it to go downstairs—but always walked up. Charles later said: "She seemed gloriously unstoppable".

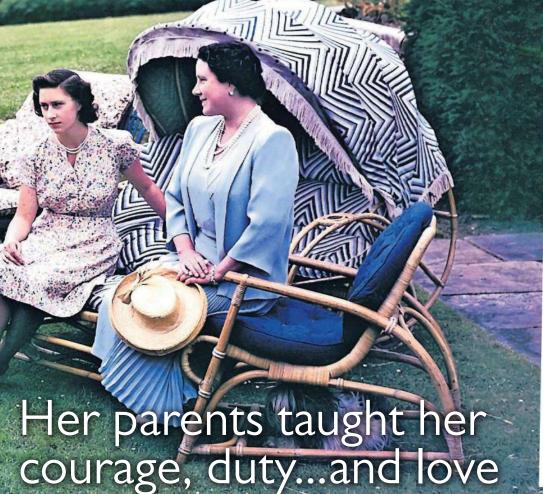
But the end did come, in March 2002 at the age of 101. Heavy smoker Princess Margaret had died the month before aged 71. "We Four" were now just one. The Queen was hit by a "terrible wallop of grief", in the words of her cousin Margaret Rhodes.

Then something happened that she never expected. After attending her mother's lying-in-state at Westminster Hall, the Queen travelled back to the Palace and, as the car turned into Whitehall, the crowds saw her.

There were thousands of people, all waiting their turn to pay their respects to the Queen Mother, and they began to clap.

Their applause followed the Queen for the rest of the way home.

It was, she said, one of the most touching things that had ever happened to her. It was the sound of love.







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HEIR love was sealed high in the Balmoral hills - and it was here six decades later that the Queen's favourite photo of herself and her prince was taken.

prince was taken.

It was a private picture, and Her Majesty only shared it with the world on the eve of the Duke of Edinburgh's funeral in April 2021.

Taken by their daughter-in-law Sophie, Countess of Wessex, it shows the sunlit couple on the summit of the Coyles of Muick in the summer of 2003. It had been 57 years since Philip had proposed at a nearby loch, but they still looked in the first flushes of love.

Philip was famous in public life for being gruff, but they photo captures the dashing and dependable family man the Queen fell in love with. It was the man who after their wedding

in 1947 wrote: "Lilibet is the only 'thing' in this world which is absolutely real to me." He continued: "Cherish Lilibet? I wonder if that word is enough to express what is in me...I thank God for Lilibet and for us."

For her part, Princess Elizabeth wrote home to her parents from her honeymoon: "We behave as though we had belonged to each other for years."

Five decades later, in a speech to mark their golden wedding anniversary in 1997, the Queen said of her husband: "He has, quite simply, been my strength and stay all these years."

ELEANOR SPRAWSON

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At the start, Elizabeth had worried that her "terribly independent" Navy commander husband would not cope in his new life,

especially after she took the crown and he found himself without a clear role. So she carefully made sure he had things to be in charge of – for example, appointing him to be chairman of the committee organising

in charge of — for example, appointing him to be chairman of the committee organising her coronation.

And she declared that around the home, he was "the boss".

But in fact, the independent-minded Duke had already decided that he did not need anyone else to come up with a role for him. He would simply come up with his own job description for himself.

As the Duke later told a biographer: "Well, being married to the Queen, it seemed to me that my first duty was to serve her in the best way I could."

That meant, Philip said, being Elizabeth's "eyes and ears" when she was not around, making sure he was always on top of subjects she might consult him on and, crucially, making her laugh.

The Queen would regularly be heard laughing loudly out of sight, then snapping back to her









serious face when she came into view. And she developed a special, intense frown to maintain her dignity for times such as at a dreary formal event when Philip would hiss a line like: "What meaneth then this bleating

a line like: "What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep?"

The gift of fun was always the best present anyone could give the Queen.

She also relied on his sense of humour to break the ice with strangers, who were often tongue-tied in her presence.

LASSIC moves included him poring over an elaborate menu written in French at a state dinner, then announcing: "Ah good. Fish and chips again."

The Duke would also take pity on guests at Balmoral who found themselves being bundled off for one of the Royal Family's

famous picnics, and who did not quite know the etiquette. He would quietly advise them: "Praise the salad dressing."

It was always the right thing to say, for the Queen had made it herself.

These picnics were some of the family's happiest times during their annual summers at Balmoral and on beaches they would discover on cruises around the nearby coast. An equerry later remembered: "He'd lead ashore with all the barbecue kit and the Queen would come later with the salad supplies and all the side dishes."

Philip even designed a trailer fitted with special "picnic drawers" to hold all the supplies they would need for expeditions at their Scottish estate.

He liked gadgets of all sorts, and would go to Ideal Home shows then return to the Palace eager to show off purchases such as the latest vacuum cleaner.

His interest in technology also saw him ahead of his time by decades on issues such as pollution, and he began driving an electric

van at Sandringham way back in 1982. This pioneering environmental campaigning, which included co-founding the World Wildlife Fund, was one of the things that made the Queen most proud.

In November 2021, seven months after Philip's death aged 99, she spoke to world leaders at the Cop26 climate conference in Glasgow, and recalled: "The impact of the environment on human progress was a subject close to the heart of my dear late husband, Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh." She added it was "a source of great pride" that he had had a "leading role" in encouraging people to protect the planet as far back as 1969.

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as far back as 1969.

But, as her grandchildren remember, not everything Philip did met with her approval. Prince William once revealed that the Duke had invented what he called the Mustard Game to play with his grandchildren, to the Queen's despair.

The Prince recalled: "He used to take the lid off the tube and put it in your hands...

and then he would squish your hands together to fire the mustard on to the ceiling. "He used to get in a lot of trouble from my grandmother."

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But joy in their grandchildren was something the pair shared.

And, in fact, when they looked at Sophie, Countess of Wessex, as she took their photo that day at Balmoral in 2003, they knew she was expecting her first child with Prince Edward, their seventh grandchild.

Meanwhile, whenever she looked at her parents-in-law, Sophie saw true love.

Speaking in 2016, the Countess said of Philip: "You see, he's a gentleman and a gentle man. He has been a fantastic life partner for her."

As the Queen herself put it in 1997 on their 50th wedding anniversary: "Prince Philip is simply my rock. He is my foundation stone."





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Elizabeth gave birth to her son and heir, one of the first visitors to set eyes on the newborn prince described him as, "just a Plasticine head".

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The new mother had a somewhat different view, writing to a friend: "The baby is very sweet and we are enormously proud of him."

She continued: "I find it hard to believe that he is really mine, and each time I see him I have to convince myself that he is true."

Elizabeth, then 22, had given birth at Buckingham Palace on November 14, 1948, after a 30-hour labour.

Philip had been banished to the squash court in order to work off the nervous energy that was driving everyone mad, but quickly appeared at his wife's bedside to present a bouquet of red roses and carnations, her favourite flowers. Ever-



ELEANOR SPRAWSON

dutiful Elizabeth was thrilled to have a son, still the preferred option at the time to ensure the succession.

In fact, on hearing that there was a male heir, her father's press secretary Richard Colville exclaimed: "I knew she'd do it! She'd never let us down."

But from the very first moment, Elizabeth and Philip knew that they had to raise this baby to be a king.

Training him for his future would be a public duty.

That meant that little Charles missed out on the carefree childhood his mother had enjoyed until she was ten, when the abdication of her uncle Edward VIII thrust her into the hot seat as heir.

Princess Elizabeth also had to leave Charles with her own parents while she spent long periods away, either visiting Naval commander Philip at his post in

Malta, or travelling on overseas tours that her father, George VI, was too frail to do. She had even more demands put on her after becoming Queen in February 1952, by which time Charles had a little sister Anne, born in August 1950.

Still, visitors were struck by the funfilled family environment the Queen created whenever she had the chance.

A Grenadier Guard invited to Sandringham wrote home: "After tea, Charles dresses in a kilt and Anne puts on a white fairy dress with wings... then they kick their shoes off and go mad. "Princess Margaret puts on a rock-n'roll record and the children caper all over the place."

Then there was the tradition of the summer family cruise on the Royal Yacht Britannia, which began in 1955.

The yacht would be transformed into a playground, complete with a waterslide down a set of stairs, and there would be picnic expeditions to secluded beaches.

Decades later Anne recalled that at the end of that first annual cruise she did not want to leave: "I had to be carried off kicking and screaming." Schooldays

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her mother because of their obsession with horses, which was not shared by either Charles, or brothers Andrew and Edward, who came along much later.

Philip noted fondly of his daughter that, like her mother, "If it doesn't fart or eat hay then she isn't interested".

Biting her nails anxiously throughout, the Queen would go on to watch her daughter compete in Britain's equestrian team at the Montreal Olympics in 1976.

N HE was also there watching with concern as both Charles and

Anne got married - and eventually divorced.

The disintegration of Charles's relationship with Diana was especially painful to the Queen, as the Prince of Wales publicly turned on his mother and father, who he saw as having pushed him into the marriage.

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She was "stunned" when he co-operated with Jonathan Dimbleby to write his 1994 biography, published in retaliation

for Diana's "True Story" book that had come out in 1992. In Charles's biography, the Queen was described as "detached" towards her son as a child and criticised for never sticking up for him when he was "frequently brought to tears by the mocking banter" of his father.

Stung, the Duke of Edinburgh protested: "We did the best we could."

But at least by then, the Queen had grandchildren to distract her and bring her joy. She became a grandmother for the first time in November 1977, causing an investiture at Buckingham Palace to be delayed by an unheard-of ten minutes.

When Her Majesty finally arrived, beaming, she explained to guests: "I apologise for being late, but I have just had a message from the hospital. My daughter has just given birth to a son."

Little Peter, who Anne had with her showjumper husband Mark Phillips, was followed by sister Zara in 1981. A year later, Charles's first son Prince William was born, with Harry arriving in 1984.

The Queen was soon looking on happily as the youngsters created havoc on their visits. William was especially fond

of moves such as pretending to shoot tourists with a slingshot from the balcony of Buckingham Palace.

She also surprised guests at the Palace when a young Wills fell over and started crying for "Gary". The Queen explained: "Oh, I'm Gary — he hasn't learned to say Granny yet."

She tried to be a steady influence on Charles's sons during their parents' relationship problems, and particularly after Diana's death in 1997.

In a 2016 documentary to mark the Queen's 90th birthday, William recalled: "She's never dictated what she would do. It's a quiet guidance. It's something never seen, but it's always there, and I think that has allowed me personally to explore and understand more about who I am and what I have to do."

Meanwhile, Harry said: "Behind closed doors, she's our grandmother."

The Queen was "hurt and disappointed" by Harry's eventual decision to step back from his royal duties to make a new life in California. But in tribute to her, Harry and wife Meghan Markle named their daughter Lilibet — the

Queen's pet name since childhood.
The passing of years also brought new warmth to the Queen's relationship with Charles. And movingly, she got to explain publicly just how proud she was of him in a speech to mark his 70th birthday in 2018.

She said: "Philip and I have seen Charles become a champion of conservation and the arts, a great charitable leader, a dedicated and respected heir to the throne to stand comparison with any in history — and a wonderful father."

The same year, Charles brought down the house at a concert at London's Royal Albert Hall to mark his mother's 92nd birthday, taking the microphone and beginning a speech with: "Your Majesty, Mummy."

As for Anne, she had summed up the Queen some years earlier with typical bluntness: "As with all mothers, she's put up with a lot."

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PART VI: HER LOVED ONES



RINCE Andrew bounded down the gangplank to be presented with a red rose by the Queen on his return from the Falklands War.

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She was welcoming him back as a serving Navy hero – and to her, that was what he would always be.

For the rest of her life, the contents of her handbag included a handkerchief, sweeteners in a small gold box and a photo of Andrew taken that day in Portsmouth when he came safely home.

The Prince's service on HMS Invincible during the 1982 conflict was the pinnacle of his life as an action man in the mould of his naval commander father Prince Philip. He was the son most like the man Elizabeth loved, and that made him special. In fact, Philip and Andrew were so alike the family called them, "Identical twins separated in time". He was for decades her favourite child, and that made his disgrace after being accused of sexual assault all the harder for her to bear. Friends and royal experts describe his downfall as the great tragedy of her life.

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Her Majesty, who was 33, wrote to a cousin: "The baby is adorable. Both the older children are completely riveted by him and all in all he's going to be terribly spoilt by all of us, I'm sure."

The Queen was determined to spend more time with him than she had with Charles and Anne, and courtiers noticed she seemed far more relaxed and affectionate as a mother this time round. Soon, she would greet official visitors in her study while the toddler Prince played at their feet.

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She also gave new nanny June Waller permission to take the youngster out on incognito adventures.

June wrote to a friend in March 1963: "One day I took Andrew on a bus!! to Paddington Station to see the trains. He was thrilled to bits and couldn't see everything fast enough."

One year later the little boy had a new brother, with Edward's arrival on March 10, 1964. Philip was in the delivery room for the first time, after the Queen asked him to be there. Afterwards, she told a friend: "Goodness, what fun it is to have a baby in the house again!"

Windsor Castle's Great Corridor soon became a race track for the boys' pedal cars and bikes, and the Queen's doctor Sir Cecil Hogg recalled the constant sound of "rampaging" on his visits.

From 1967, they gained another playmate when the Queen invited Philip's mother, Princess Alice of Battenberg, to move in to Buckingham Palace.

The chain-smoking 83-year-old would bowl balls down the hallway and the boys would whack them back using a hearth brush as a bat.

Andrew was the leader in these exploits, ordering his younger brother about.

He had an arrogant streak that reminded people of his father, and even the Queen admitted: "He is not always a little ray of sunshine."

Edward was far less brash, with Her Majesty describing him as, "The quietest of my children".

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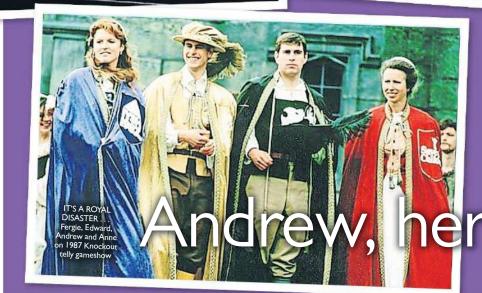
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Soon he was sailing away aboard the aircraft carrier HMS Invincible, which became a key target for Argentine bombs.

Andrew later admitted he had been left traumatised by flying his helicopter as a decoy to draw Exocet missiles away from the ship, and by being told to, "hit the deck because the ship is under attack".

But when the 22-year-old cruised back into Portsmouth Harbour in September that year with the war won, he looked every inch the carefree







hero. Edward seemed set to follow in his brother's footsteps, joining the Royal Marines in 1986 after graduating from Cambridge. Earlier that year, the Prince had asked West End supremos Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice to write a musical for the Queen's 60th birthday.

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The resulting show, called Cricket, had its one-off performance at Windsor Castle with a cast including glam rocker Alvin Stardust and Chariots Of Fire star Ian Charleson, as well as Edward as a "gallant last batsman".

For theatre-mad Edward it was dizzying.

In January 1987, four months after beginning his training with the Marines, he announced he was quitting the military.

The Queen was "livid", but Edward had fallen in love with showbiz and wanted to be a producer. By the middle of 1987, the Queen was supportive enough of his new career to go along with one of the worst ideas ever hatched: A TV spectacular known as It's A Royal Knockout.

One of the Queen's friends later admitted: "It was a terrible mistake. She was against it. But she could not say no to Edward."

Filmed at Alton Towers, the BBC show featured Edward, Andrew, Anne and Andrew's new wife Sarah Ferguson in Tudor costumes cheering on their teams of celebrities in slapstick games.

Tom Jones pelted Toyah Willcox with fake hams; Pamela Stephenson tackled Cliff Richard while he was dressed as a giant leek; and Chris de Burgh climbed a damsel's tower in sopping-wet satin tights.

It was a PR disaster, and even on the day, only the Duchess of York seemed to enjoy herself.

She had married Andrew the year before, and her jolliness was what the Queen liked best about her, especially after dealing with the highly strung Diana.

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-HE relationship ended in divorce in 1996. Five years later, Andrew left the Navy and became a UK trade envoy.

But he left the role in 2011 after it was revealed he had kept up his friendship with Jeffrey Epstein after the US financier's conviction for child sex abuse.

Over the next years, Andrew was himself accused of having sex with a 17-year-old girl allegedly trafficked by Epstein, and in November 2019 he stepped down from royal duties.

The move followed a car-crash Newsnight interview, and courtiers blamed the Queen for not over-ruling his decision to go on TV. Once again she had not been able to say no to one of her sons.

In 2022, as civil action over Andrew's alleged sexual misconduct continued, his military titles and royal patronages were returned to the Queen and it was announced he would no longer be known as His Royal Highness.

His disgrace was particularly painful because as the Duke of Edinburgh's health failed, the son who was most like him had been lined up to take over as consort, accompanying the Queen on engagements.

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Friends described the Queen as "heartbroken" at losing him from her side in public.
But in private he remained a favourite. An aide recalled: "Whenever she heard Andrew was by himself at Buckingham Palace, she sent him a handwritten note and he'd change into a suit to go up and ter.

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"He'd greet her with a bow, kissing her hand and both her cheeks. It's a little ritual that she adores."

She also loved the happy family atmosphere his daughters Beatrice and Eugenie brought to Royal Lodge at Windsor, where she had spent much of her childhood.

She even let Beatrice redecorate her beloved childhood Wendy house.

But it was youngest son Edward who gave the Queen the most important gift of her last years: The friendship of Sophie, Countess of Wessex. He had married the PR boss in 1999. Kind, warm and relaxed, Sophie became one of Her Majesty's closest confidantes. The Queen described her as: "The perfect royal."

Sophie even convinced Her Majesty to sit down with herself, Edward and children Louise and James to watch TV's The Crown, although the Queen kept interrupting to complain about what the show got wrong.

They became even closer after the Duke's death, with the Countess noting: "I think it must be a fairly lonely place being the Queen."

As for Edward, with the Queen's blessing, Prince Philip asked if he would take the title of Duke of Edinburgh after he and the Queen respected to take. And for the Queen, it was the greatest honour she could ever bestow.

LIZABETH and her sister Princess Margaret shared an unbreakable bond that lasted from childhood to the day of Margaret's death - even if at times it was sorely tested.

But in terms of their personalities, the sisters could not have been more different. Though possessed of a keen sense of humour and a dry wit, Elizabeth was always regarded as the more reserved and sensible of the two.

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At heart the Queen was a countrywoman who preferred conventional country pursuits, with the focus on horses and dogs. And she was at home with conventional friends drawn from the aristocratic families she had always known.

Margaret, on the other hand, was volatile, apt to pull rank and conscious of her position. Her sister regarded her as "an enigma".

American writer Gore Vidal, who knew Margaret well, wrote that she was, "far too bright for her station in life, which she takes altogether too solemly".

Margaret was witty, intelligent, generous and kind. And it was in the world of the arts—dance, theatre, film and design — where she was at home. Nightlife, too, was a magnet.

From their earliest years, Elizabeth was Margaret's big sister, not just in age but in attitude. She was always on the look-out in case her young sibling, four years her junior, said or did something that would land her in trouble. There were other hazards too — such as the time a buck-toothed clergyman visited their parents.

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Later on, a more censorious Lilibet would tell the energetic little girl: "Don't run, Margaret — and pull your socks up."

And she would cast disapproving glances when, for example, her sister jumped out of the shadows to startle a passing footman.

At Windsor almost a lifetime later, after Margaret had scalded her feet in a bathroom accident, Elizabeth once again exerted big-sister authority when she insisted Margaret did not need to be pushed into a birthday dinner in a wheelchair. She was quite capable of walking, the Queen ruled.

And walk she did, until it came to joining guests afterwards, when Margaret decided to disobey orders once more and mingled from the comfort of a wheelchair, pushed by a tall, impassive guardsman in discreet dark uniform. Childhood for Elizabeth and Margaret was much like that of other girls of their class and time, except that they were not like other girls. When their uncle, the King, decided to abdicate in 1936, ten-year-old Lilibet told her young sister: "Uncle David is going away and Papa is to be King." Margaret responded: "Does that mean you're going to be Queen?" The reply: "Yes, one day." But that day was far too distant to be considered and it was never referred to again. While the personal nature of the Princesses' relationship had not, and would not, change, their official status had.

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Margaret, however, though she now stood third in line to the throne, was excluded. The Princess admitted to me: "It was a bone of contention." With the start of World War Two soon afterwards, Elizabeth and Margaret were "evacuated" to the safety of Windsor Castle. It was there that they grew up and their lives began to gradually diverge.

At 16, Elizabeth became Colonel of the Grenadier Guards. At 18 she was allowed to enlist with the Transport Division of the Auxiliary Territorial Service (ATS).

Margaret looked at her sister with envy, saying that she was "frightfully annoyed" that she was not permitted to join up too.

She later recalled: "I couldn't understand why the armed services didn't want the services of a girl of 12." (She was actually 14 at the time.)

After the war's end, the sisters' paths only separated further. Elizabeth had fallen in love and at 21 married Philip of Greece. One year later she became mother to her first son, Charles.

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fair for Elizabeth as a
wife, mother and working
royal, Margaret, by now a
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own right and the focus
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interest, had interest, had embarked on her own had royal career and colourful adult social life. But it was only and



after Elizabeth's accession to the throne in 1952 that the first controversy between the sisters

arose.

Margaret had fallen in love with her late father's equerry, Battle of Britain hero Group Captain Peter Townsend, and wanted to marry him. But the fact he was a divorcee threatened to cause a constitutional crisis.

Contrary to what some might claim, there was no falling out between the sisters over the issue. The Queen, as sovereign, did nothing to prevent a civil marriage if that was what Margaret wanted, and simply stood back, allowing her sister to make up her own mind. Privately, she was mystified and soon rather bored by the whole situation, unable to understand why Margaret had fallen in love with a man who came with an ex-wife and two children.

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two children. In the end, after a separation of two years, Margaret found she was no longer as much in love with Townsend as she had been. She decided against marriage. And what was called "the greatest romance since Romeo and Juliet"—it was in truth nothing of the kind—became just another chapter in the story of the Royal House of Windsor.

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Five years later in 1960, free of complications – except the disapproval of certain British and foreign royalty who considered she was marrying beneath herself – Margaret received her sister's formal consent to marry Antony Armstrong-Jones.

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The consent was happily and genuinely given, although Elizabeth knew that Margaret was well and truly breaking the mould with the Welsh photographer, designer, bohemian and social

gadfly.

Margaret and Tony – whom Elizabeth created Earl of Snowdon – were head over heels in love, but their romantic idyll was soon shattered by the intrusion of reality.

OYAL life did not suit Tony. Margaret became possessive. The writing was on the wall.

Despite wanting them to stay together, and even counselling them to do so for appearance sake and in the vain hope that the pair might reconcile their differences, the Queen finally faced the fact that her sister's marriage could

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In 1976, after having two children, Margaret and Tony formally separated. And two years later, although Margaret had never wanted a divorce, what had been an abusive, mutually destructive marriage was dissolved in a 113-second hearing in the London Divorce Court. Royal marriages, it was clear, are not always the stuff of fairy tales

Tellingly perhaps, Tony never fell from Elizabeth's favour.

In the final throes of the marriage, both Margaret and her dashing husband had become involved with new partners.

Tony fell for the woman who would become his second wife, and Margaret for Roddy Llewellyn, an aristocrat and garden designer 17 years her junior.

At the time, unsurprisingly, the Queen strongly disapproved of her sister's relationship with Llewellyn, not only for the damage it was causing to Margaret's reputation but to that of the monarchy itself, which Elizabeth personified. In exasperation and despair when the romance was made public in 1976, the Queen asked then-Prime Minister James Callaghan: "What are we going to do about my sister's guttersnipe life?"

But as with both the Townsend and Snowdon "scandals", the sisters' bond survived.

For Elizabeth, her relationships with her ageing mother and her only sibling were paramount.

She spoke to them both every day, and her greatest dread was losing them.

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She could never have guessed both would die within seven weeks of one another, at the start of 2002.

First Margaret in February at the age of 71, followed by the Queen Mother at the end of March aged 101.

On the day before her mother's funeral, the Queen made a live broadcast from Windsor, calmly thanking the nation for the tributes and messages of sympathy asupport she had received.

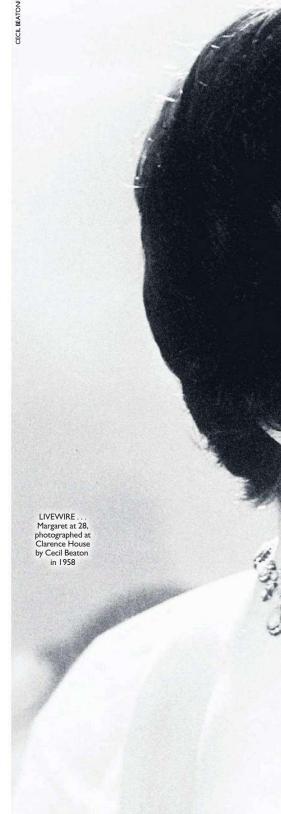
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the unrequited fairytale

